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WOMAN'S WORK FOR WOMAN.

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THE Mission House weeps the loss of one of the best Secretaries that missions ever had. For some months Dr. Arthur Mitchell had been "wearing awa' to the land o' the leal," but we could not bear to admit it. He entered into glorious rest on the morning of April 24. In the first letter which he wrote as Secretary, in 1884, he used these words: "I desire with all my heart to enter into the joys and cares of my brethren on the field" and, to the last, one of his characteristic expressions, said in a tone in which love and respect blended, was, "Our brethren on the field." The scrupulous honor which pervaded all that Dr. Mitchell did is illustrated by his stenographer; in seven and a half years he never asked her to write a line for his personal accommodation. As strict as he was with himself in duty, scholarship, character, so generous and tolerant we knew him towards others. The example of his fidelity, the memory of his uplifting prayers will long live and influence where he wrought.

THE first time I ever saw Dr. Mitchell he was assisting in the communion service at a great annual meeting of the American Board, and, if I had never seen him again, the exalted tone in which he associated the Lord's Table and the "last command" would never have been forgotten. I did not see him again until, many years after, we met in mutual service within the Mission House and I heard again that true, ringing note for foreign missions. Now, after more than seven years of familiar intercourse amid the commonplaceness of every day, I do not recall act or speech of his which did not harmonize with that sacred communion season or was not worthy of it.

ONE thing is settled, the million dollar line is passed. The Presbyterian Church did not undertake too much, a year ago, in proposing to put that sum into her foreign missions treasury. "Now therefore, our God, we thank thee and praise thy glorious name . . . that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort." Total income for 1892–93: $1,014,000, of which over $28,000 came from the foreign field itself. The Woman's Boards have contributed $329,889.20, a gain over last year of $13,155.09. Gain also: from the churches, $14,600; from Sunday-schools, $2,000; from Christian Endeavor Societies, $7,000.

THE *esprit de corps* of the Mission House was illustrated in the Treasurer's office on the second floor. While the big batch of self-denial letters poured in and closing weeks of the fiscal year required long hours, no voice of grumbling was heard, but, when May 1 showed up a balance on the right side, a general air of hilarity reigned among book-keepers and clerks. "And now," exclaimed one of them, "we can go into Praa!"

THE Presbyterian Church of the South is also prosecuting a new work in Central Africa. Their chosen field is far to the southeast of ours, in Congo Free State, between the Kassai and Sankuru Rivers. Their missionary, with tact and daring, penetrated to the capital of Lukenga, king of the Bakuba, who has 700 wives. The same language is spoken for 200 miles. An interesting account of Mr. Sheppard's visit among the Bakuba is found in *The Missionary* for May. Send to P.O. Box 457, Nashville, Tenn. Price ten cents.

IN our enthusiasm for the new departure in Africa we must not lose sight of old forts still to be held. Three ladies of the Gaboon Mission have devoted twenty-nine, twenty-seven, and twenty-five years, respectively, to Africa, and nothing would justify the neglect to provide them with whatever facilities will make these years of ripened effort comfortable to them and most useful to others.

EIGHTEEN women physicians serve in our missions, five of them also wives; a band such as no other Church is, at present, privileged to sustain, for which the Presbyterian Church may well give thanks every day, and to which she is urged to add three more as soon as possible.

DR. EMMA TEMPLIN found that Hospital to be sure, at Allahabad, but entirely unfurnished.

THE last message from Dr. McGilvary and Mr. Irwin, who were itinerating in North Laos, bore date February 9. They had visited the churches at Pa Pow, Chieng Hai and Chieng San and received five adults to the Communion. A whole village east of the Cambodia River (in French territory) seemed to have become Christian. They found great advantage from the distribution of quinine last year; it "broke the back of their worship of a spirit that inflicted diseases, of which one most common is malarial fever."

BOUNDARY commissioners have included all the region of the Moosurs in the British possessions in Burma, the boundary line running only a few miles north of Chieng San. This will be another advantage to our mission.

LAST fall the missionaries had "a grand surprise" of a request for a school in a bigoted Greek village in N. Syria. In proportion as the school flourished the old priest grew displeased, especially as his son, the young priest, patronized it. When Mr. March was in the village, a few weeks ago, the old priest called upon him "in a towering rage," declaring that the children no longer came to mass, nor their parents, and the whole place was becoming Protestant; *therefore* the school must not go on another day! The sheikh relieved Mr. March of all responsibility by bringing down his clenched fist and saying with emphasis: "We want our children educated. These Protestants have given a good school and it shall *not* be stopped. If the people want to become Protestants they have a right to."

THEY have 100 girls in school at Curityba, Brazil, some of them from long distances. Such are large in size and can scarcely read, but are docile, affectionate and bright at their books. Some have learned to make excellent bread and a German dressmaker comes once a week to teach them the use of the needle.

FIVE girls in the Joshi Gakuin at Tokyo, Japan, were baptized between September and April 1, at which time a reunion of old scholars was planned. Out of 200 invitations sent, half had been accepted and besides the pupils themselves, a train of their children and nurses was expected.

THE Society of Christian Endeavor in our mission at Shanghai numbers forty members. They meet every Thursday at five o'clock P.M., when young men employed at the Press can be on hand. Six women have joined. Bits from the *Golden Rule* are translated for them.

A BOYS' Society of Christian Endeavor at Hamadan, Persia, is reported a "source of great pleasure."

A NIGHT service for women in Seoul, Korea, attracted increased attendance until, on account of numerous robberies, the king forbade people to be on the streets at night. Miss Strong, beginning Sunday afternoons at the house of Mr. Saw, the evangelist, has been gathering classes of women for instruction, and Miss Arbuckle made a start for a new Sunday-school with three little girls off the street.

BEDS in Petchaburee Hospital, Siam, have hitherto consisted of three or four boards on trestles, spread with grass and furnished with a small cotton pillow. Any supplies beyond this were never clean, being provided by the patient who came accompanied by a train of relatives, who interfered with the treatment by giving him whatever he fancied to eat. Dr. Toy is introducing iron bedsteads made of tubing, with cotton mattresses, pillows and towels. It costs $25 to fit up a ward for two persons. Another improvement meditated is the establishment of a hospital kitchen so as to control the diet of the patients.

LAST statistics from the Shantung Mission: 3,623 church members, of whom 575 received last year; 660 pupils in boarding-schools, 1,004 in day-schools.

ADDITIONS to all the churches of all our missions, last year, advanced ten per cent. on the figures of the year before.

THE only mission school known to us for pure Aztec girls, is that of our Methodist friends in the mountains of Tetela in the State of Puebla. The place is reached by ladies, in chairs carried for many miles on the backs of Indians.

OUR MISSIONARIES IN AFRICA,

AND POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.

Direct Batanga letters, simply Batanga, W. Africa. All others, Gaboon, Congo Française, via Paris.

Mrs. T. Spencer Ogden,	Baraka, or (French) Libreville.	Mrs. A. C. Good,	Batanga.
Miss Hulda Christensen,	Benito.	Mrs. Chas. J. Laffin (*en route*),	"
Mrs. C. De Heer,	"	Miss Isabella A. Nassau,	"
Mrs. Louise Reutlinger,	"	Mrs. W. A. Bannerman, Kangwe, or (French) Lambarènè.	
Miss Louise Babè,	Batanga.	Mrs. Herman Jacot, " "	"
Mrs. W. C. Gault,	"	Mrs. A. W. Marling,	Angom.
Mrs. Geo. A. Godduhn,	"		

DARKEST AFRICA AND THE WAY IN.

It is no particular object with us, just now, to get out of Africa. Our aim is to get in. Our energies are concentrated on getting IN. Our inquiries are all in that line — *in*-quiries. Why penetrate the uncovered Interior? What shall we find there? When, where, how do we go? Who will go? How are they to proceed when they get there?*

Why? For the same reason that Wilson and Walker and Bushnell went to the mouth of the Gaboon River, fifty years ago: to carry our Heavenly Father's message to his lost children. That our Church may not shirk a duty laid at the doorstone of her Gaboon Mission. That when our Lord Jesus comes to take his kingdom, she may bring in her arms redeemed souls from the Bule, saying, "Here am I and the children thou gavest me."

What is to be found in the bush? Savagery, as natural and untrammeled by codes of civilization as its virgin forests are innocent of the axe. "We are going among savages who know no law but fear and self-interest." Sin is there, rebuked by man's own conscience but unrebuked by God's Word. Degradation of womanhood and motherhood is there, and there are toils, heavy toils, and privations and fever and risk to life and limb.

When take up the march into this savage land? Now. This summer.

How? Here springs many a practical question. With a small pioneering expedition: three men — four at most — following the universal African footpath; no cart, no horse, no donkey, mile by mile through swamp and jungle, with every tool, almost every necessity, on the shoulders of carriers. Every twenty-five dollars, in cloth, brass wire, beads or shells, will be full load for a man.

Who will go? Not women. Only strong, practical, resolute, devoted men are equal to this bold emprise. The mission has called for eight men to open three stations with the least possible delay.

Dr. Good himself will conduct the first party, to found a station at Nkonemekak.

Charles J. Laffin, M.D., has sailed with his wife as a member of the expedition. Mrs. Laffin will be left at Batanga. The Doctor is an Englishman from Australia, twenty-six years old, who joined Bishop Taylor's mission on the Congo several years ago. He has seen much of Central Africa and studied medicine in New York. Mrs. Laffin has had some experience in New York City missions. They were married at the close of a Sunday afternoon service in the Methodist church (where she was formerly connected), in Binghamton, N. Y., and afterward sat down with the congregation to the Lord's Supper.

Mr. Matthew Henry Kerr is another ingoing man upon whom much depends, for he is the mechanic of the party. Mr. Kerr is a Philadelphian, and was trained at the Christian Workers' Institute in Springfield, Mass. His mother, who died many years ago, gave him to foreign missions in his childhood, and now, at twenty-four, he confirms the dedication.

A third new man expects to sail in May, Rev. R. H. Milligan, a Canadian, who was educated at Princeton College and McCormick Seminary, Chicago. Mr. Milligan has been for several years a pastor in Libertyville, Ill., and for a longer time desiring to help save Africa.

In this Advance Guard, to which a woman would be simply an encumbrance, have we no part? We have our part. Unless the women of the Church espouse this movement with heart and soul, it will be weak, perhaps fail, at some point. Our sympathy and gifts must run on before our brethren, our prayers encircle them on their perilous way and blend with theirs for victory.

Each of the Woman's Boards and Societies has opened a Fund to promote this advance into Africa. Let us go IN.

* Several of these questions are answered by consulting the map and Dr. Good's Rept., Parts I. and II.

HOW IT IS PROPOSED TO WORK THE FIRST NEW STATION.

NKONEMEKAK, 1800 FEET ABOVE THE SEA.

Here are my plans. As soon as a site has been chosen, clearing will be begun and the ground at once planted in fruit trees and such food as will render us at least partially independent of native supplies. In this mountainous region many vegetables can be raised that a white man will relish. The Bule have sweet cassava, many varieties of yams and excellent sweet potatoes. With these and plantains, our missionaries will need but few imported vegetables. But the Bule cannot always be depended upon for a regular supply of these and so we must raise them, in part. Corn grows splendidly in this region and, by getting seed from home and planting from month to month, we can have sweet corn most of the year and, with a machine to grind the native corn, we could have corn bread all the time. I saw fair tomatoes growing in a mass of weeds and grass where they had been sown no one knows how or how long ago, as the Bule thought them a poison weed and gave them no care. I hope in the high, cool, mountain region we may be able to raise Irish potatoes.

Goats, sheep and fowls are fairly abundant and by keeping a flock we can have fresh meat and goats' milk. My plan is to live largely upon the country and so carry very little from the coast.

As to buildings. The natives build the walls of their houses of bark, and the roofs of bamboo thatch. A well built bark house is as close as we need in this country and, while neither very durable nor artistic, will answer very well for some years. My plan is to build a bark house on posts, with a floor of straight poles squared and laid together and then leveled on top with an adze. The thatch we can buy and the rest of the material we shall have from our clearing. Furniture we simply cannot carry from the coast, but what need? A great variety of the finest woods are all about us and cost nothing. Out of these we must make our

chairs, tables, bedsteads. With corn husks and feathers we can make mattresses and pillows, and with bricks which we burn we can make some sort of oven and cooking place. All this means work, but is not, it seems to me, visionary or impracticable.

Will not this necessity of drawing the material for a civilized life from the soil and forests be exactly the object lesson these rude people need? The Bule are crazy for everything imported. They think God has given us our wealth, and scoff at the idea that white men make the cloth and furniture they use. But if we build our houses and spread our tables from the resources of their own country we shall be pointing them in the only direction in which they have any hope of bettering their condition, and when they come to beg our furniture and our food we can show them how we obtained these things and tell them to go and do likewise. If we set out to have foreign supplies, the report will go that the white men have come with inexhaustible wealth. But if we make the least possible display of foreign goods and go to work to raise our own food and make our own furniture, then the story that will be rehearsed far and wide will be, that the white men work with their own hands and even make gardens, which among themselves is considered menial employment, fit for women only. This will not improve their opinion of us at first, but will do

more to correct absurd ideas as to white men and their riches than years of preaching. *A. C. Good.*

Batanga, W. Africa, January, 1893.

BUSY LIFE AT BENITO STATION.

I. FROM PRIVATE LETTERS.

. . . . I do not envy you as president. I would rather be a missionary in this far away corner of the earth where there are no platforms to stand on, but where, going to the villages to hold meetings, we are glad to get a little foot bench or an empty gin box on which to sit in state, rather than the common rickety old bamboo bedstead which one is so afraid to have to share with other inhabitants. But I must write in earnest. Truly I was with you in spirit on the 19th of April and I asked heartily for a blessing on you and all the society. You have up hill work over there, where there are so many various calls on Christian people and it is easy, when the poor neighbor is so near, to forget the one who sits in heathen darkness across the sea. But if whole-hearted Christians over there could realize the state of these people, more willing hands would be ready to speed on the good work here. . . . .

(After reference to her friend's family gathering at Christmas.)

Mrs. De Heer and myself passed our worst Christmas last December on the yacht *Nassau* on our way to Mission meeting at Gaboon. Sick, weary, hungry and seemingly forsaken, we spent the day, and were so glad when evening came to hide the hot sun from us.

We keep very busy. From the first of February until the first of June we had about fifty pupils under daily instruction: girls, boys, and young men. Since then, we curtailed the work somewhat, but we have still over twenty under daily instruction. Lack of food, lack of money and the thought about building made us come to the conclusion that it was better we went on a little slower.

We are just now enjoying the dry season, no rain and a cloudy sky; just the weather in which to make little outings. Miss Christensen who loves to be on the water has, with me, enjoyed some trips in our boat, visiting different villages. The people are always glad to see us, and usually all the inhabitants gather in the public room where we can tell them of

the love of Jesus. Then, close by, we have some suffering Christian women whom it is our privilege to visit and lend help. One of them, Nadaka, is an example of patience and taking all pain from the Father, saying, "He knows what is best." But she longs for her heavenly home. It is wonderful to hear a woman born in heathenism talk with such a spirit of submission and joy in the Lord. Oh, how thankful we are that to such as Nadaka has come the knowledge of salvation.

In your kind letter you ask whether your Mission Band could do anything for our children; we would be only too grateful for needle-books, bags, needles, thread, buttons to sew on to cotton dresses, shirts and pantaloons. Of course if shirts and dresses should come to match the buttons, we would not send them back; would it not seem quite consistent with the eternal fitness of things? Handkerchiefs are always welcome.

. . . Do not feel badly if any of your children turn their thoughts toward Africa as their future work. Had I children, I would not ask for anything but that they spent their life in the service of Christ for Africa. The need here is so great. Our hearts ache when we think of the multitude that Mr. Good found in the Interior who know nothing of God. We hope and pray the people at home will come to the rescue.

II. FROM REPORT.

It was on January 27, 1892, that Mrs. De Heer, Miss Christensen and myself returned from Gaboon, we to resume our work, Miss Christensen to begin her life-work for and in Africa. Hand in hand we have gone on all these months, sharing our mutual joys and sorrows. God has dealt marvelously with us, and our hearts are full of praise for the strength and opportunity given us for service in His vineyard. We can hardly speak of divided work, for we have worked together, yet, as in all well regulated households, special duties have fallen to each.

Mrs. De Heer, with the general supervision of the whole establishment, still finding time to give daily lessons to licentiate Ngande and our assistant Charles; having an evening class of young men in which Miss Christensen assisted; looking out that the household was supplied with wholesome, palatable food; mending the boys' clothes; getting the Benga dictionary and primer ready for press; keeping up a large correspondence and looking after financial accounts of Benito station, which includes two native teachers, nine Bible readers and assistants, and a school of from forty to fifty children. I often wonder how

RECESS AT BARAKA SCHOOL, TWENTY BOYS BOARDERS.
From a photograph.

many other women could do that and withal keep up a cheerful spirit. We know whence the strength comes.

Miss Christensen has turned her attention largely to the Girls' School, teaching them to sew and looking after their wardrobes. She has been very successful in care of the sick, and in some cases has been able, at the same time, to lead the sin-sick, weary soul to the Saviour. With this she has had study of the language.

My special duty has been to have a lookout for our boys and young men in the matter of manual labor, giving them work on the premises each forenoon, and in the afternoon superintending their instruction. To meet the requirements of government, a part of the teaching has to be given in French, but from that we gladly turn again to the vernacular. On

his last visit, the government official expressed himself well satisfied.

Mrs. Menkel has kindly assisted me lately by playing when I gave the children singing lessons, and has given lessons to two of our boys on the organ.

The task of buying native food for the family has also fallen to my share and occupied a good deal of time. Our Sunday-school, Bible class and meetings with the women have been sustained regularly. In everything we can feel that the Lord has prospered us. We have had one disappointment, in that we have not secured the hoped-for buildings that would enable us to carry on our work with more ease. We have not had funds sufficient. We could have much larger schools; the people beg and the children cry when we send them away. To retrench cuts to the very heart.

Perhaps we ought to have courage to ask larger appropriations. We have ventured to do so this coming year, but with fear and trembling. Oh, for the faith that asks believingly and which is sure to get the full answer!

Louise Reutlinger.

A CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY IN AFRICA.

The Christian Endeavor Society at Baraka, now called by the French Libreville, is by no means a "Young People's" Society but is quite vigorous for all that. For a long time the women, with two or three exceptions, would take part only by repeating verses which had been taught them, as the majority cannot read. Lately, however, without any suggestion from me, the more active ones have urged them to speak or pray, and this they are beginning to do. Frequently it happened that when one had risen to say something, another nearer the front would rise and begin, so Julia, the Bible woman, arranged that they should begin at the front seats and each take her turn, which has made less confusion than formerly.

There is one matter which I hope all friends of the mission will make a subject of earnest prayer, namely, the conversion of the children. For a long time, the only accessions to the Church have been of adults, and while there has been an encouraging increase in the number of those, it seems sad that none of the younger ones are ready to take the same step. Please pray earnestly for the scholars, especially, and for all the children of this place, that they may be not only instructed but *persuaded* in the path of life.

Edward A. Ford.

LOCALE OF BATANGA AND AN INCIDENT.

There is a strip of coast line about five miles in length. At the southern end is the district called Bo-nga-he-le where our early helpers one after another worked unaided by the presence of the white missionary. The last of them, preceding Rev. Mr. Brier, was Rev. Frank Myongo, under whose ministry the people built themselves a house of worship about eighty feet by twenty-four, on posts. The mission assisted with the flooring and seating, and friends of mine sent them a bell. Every Sabbath sees more people here than can be comfortably accommodated in this building, even when packed with 500 as last Sabbath morning. Itongolo lives in a frame house near the church and is expected to be present at every service.

Fruit trees are growing here, and some are bearing: the lemon, orange, mango, plum, breadfruit.

Cross a little stream below the elevation on which the church stands, and you have entered the Ba-pu-ku district. Walk along the beach for a mile and a half and you reach the mission house (occupied by two families) situated on a headland jutting seaward and flanked by picturesque rocks, over which, all day and all night long, the waves roll thundering, wreathing them with foam. An elevation of forty feet does not prevent the salt spray from dimming our window panes.

A short distance beyond begins a third district, Lobe, sometimes called Waterfall, from a cascade on the river. Beyond still, is Cribi, the seat of German Government for Batanga.

There are some women in the district who were educated at Benito, and they are very helpful. I have three separate places in the towns in which, on three separate days, I meet the girls and women in what I call "reading meetings." I want to tell you a little thing that happened yesterday as I was returning from my town visitation. I had started with

two boys, whose services would be needed in lifting me over the streamlets that cross the beach. A heavy shower overtook us and obliged me to stop in a town which I had not before visited. The women there were very kind, and, while the boys proceeded on their errand, I sat by the fire in one of their houses and we had a little meeting. Still the rain poured. The women said, "Let us sing hymns." We did so until the smoke of the fire quite tried my voice. Finally, against their protestations, I said I could wait no longer for the boys, and asked if one of them would conduct me through the plantation to the beach.

A strong wind and more rain met us. Passing a small trading house where a company of young men were collected, I inquired if the mission boys had passed by. "Yes." "Then how am I to cross the 'little rivers' on the beach?" None of them knew. So, turning from them, I gathered my cloak more tightly around me, re-adjusted my turned-inside-out umbrella and marched away with the wind and rain beating in my face, leaving the young men well sheltered. Soon I was aware that four women and two very little girls were along, each carrying something on the way to the plantations. When we came to the first runlet I waded across, but the next was deeper. The women waited for me to come up; the mite of a girl, with only a yard and half of thin cotton cloth to protect her from the cold, smilingly took my hand-bag of books; the mother leaned forward and said, "Get upon my back, I will carry you across." I looked my amazement and said, "You?" With the rain drops trickling down her dear, kind, dark face, she came closer and said, "*I am a Christian.*"

Isabella A. Nassau.

"The preventive remedy of good cookery may save many an ocean journey, many an anxious heart, and probably many a noble life." So let missionary wives and housekeepers, in all trying climates, renew their courage. Besides what they save, the quality of the preaching stands in close relation to their "serving tables." Providing dishes which can be eaten with relish and safety is an element of the success of every station, in Africa at least.

ECHOES FROM AFRICA.

Dark Africa! of all the earth
Most sad has been thy story,
As years have rolled their ceaseless round
Amid thy tropic glory:
In every forest solitude,
By each slow-moving river,
Rang cries from burdened, aching hearts,
None hearing to deliver.

While trader and the trader's lash
Drowned the low sobs of sorrow,
And man, enchained and sold to man,
Sank lower with each morrow:
Was there, in all the Church of God
No balm of heavenly healing?
Nor in the name of justice high
A hand for its unsealing?

Long like the Levite and the priest
All neighborhood denying,
They "passed by" on the other side,
And left men bleeding, dying.
But, missionaries of the cross
What joy ye labor under!
Oh, privileged Samaritans
To save from death and plunder!

No longer will the midnight sky
Grow lurid with the burning
Of Kaffir kraals as from the scene
Some conquering chief is turning,
While every hurrying wind bears back
The cries of the defeated,
To drop against the moaning waves
Repeated and repeated.

For into all the dreary life
New purposes are waking;
And over all the scene of strife
The light of day is breaking:
Now, as the heavy air is stirred
With childish voices ringing,
The Zulu children here and there
Of Jesus' love are singing.

And deeper tones catch up the strain,
Repeat and ponder o'er it,
Till hearts are touched to penitence
And break in tears before it:
So, tidings of great joy shall spread,
To each remotest station,
Till Fang and Bule Christ confess
In love and adoration.

Awake then, O thou Church of God!
His own and His anointed
To go before Him everywhere
Arise, O Christ-appointed!
And, wheresoever ye abide,
His peace with you shall enter,
And thither He Himself will come,
Your Light, and Life, and Centre.

Margarette W. Snodgrass.

THE TRANSFER OF KANGWE.

EVER since the French government came into the Ogowe Country, as our readers generally understand, the mission has been somewhat hampered. The French do not really welcome American missionaries. They want the African children taught, not in their vernacular but in French, and are jealous to give a French aspect to everything.

This is not an injury to the cause of Christ in Africa, because it has led our brethren in France to come forward and join us in this field. A year ago Talaguga station was transferred to the *Société des Missions Evangéliques* of Paris, and now Kangwe is transferred also. This sets free force and funds on our part, for the move into German territory, where we are welcome and where no other Board would go.

"But," does somebody object, "are we to give away to the French those stations, those buildings, for which we contributed our money?" Yes; that is just what comity in Christian Missions means. Those buildings can be better used for Christ now, by French Christians, than by ourselves. They were built for Christ; they were always His. This is the policy that obtains in missions generally. When the mission on the Congo opened by Dr. Guinness and sustained by English Baptists was transferred to the Baptist Union in America, there were twenty missionaries and seven stations, extending over 700 miles, and the whole equipment was passed over without recompense whatever.

GALWA MOTHERS. ALL CHURCH MEMBERS.

Mr. Jacot will share the fortunes of Kangwe to which he is deeply attached, but Mr. Bannerman will remove to Angom.

LATEST FROM A KANGWE WORKER.

[From letters to a father in New York.]

(Dated) KANGWE. The Galwa people have all heard the gospel. My work is to persuade them to abandon polygamy and heathen customs, and to instruct and train them for Christian work. The Pangwe are almost virgin soil. To them we must impart notions of God and moral obligation. Mr. Bannerman devotes his time to this tribe.

I have been giving a month to the instruction of catechists which allows me to multiply myself. There were twelve men in the class.

[Mrs. Jacot and the little Edmund being both quite run down were taken to Benito in January for a change. The three ladies there met them "with open arms" and in that "charming and peaceful home we passed six weeks." Leaving them, Mr. Jacot went on to Batanga alone, on mission business.—EDITOR.]

BATANGA, February 7.—This is our station nearest to the pole but we still feel some distance from it. We can see the summit of Fernando Po and the peak of Cameroun. We realize that we are on the coast of Africa as we look out on the ocean stretching without a bound to S. America. Ships are seldom seen, and the roar of the beach and break of the waves

SEWING SCHOOL ON THE VERANDAH AT KANGWE.

are day and night the same. Landing here is difficult and sometimes dangerous. The native manages his shell of a boat with great skill. In order to land from a steamer, he shoots his boat on the crest of a wave, like an arrow from the bow. We do not understand why he is not engulfed. If he is upset, our man vaults into the air, turns his boat over and jumps into it like a man mounting a horse's back. Every morning we see large numbers of canoes that cover the sea like locusts. It is pretty to see them go fishing.

Batanga is our future main station at the door of the Interior which we wish to penetrate. Sixty miles from the coast are vast tribes whose language has much likeness to the Fañ.

Sunday I assisted in morning worship; the church was full. There were 300 present at Sunday-school; 75 in Infant Class. You would be surprised at the order that prevailed. I spoke in Mpongwe and the teacher translated into Benga. My first literary work is a 1st Reader in Mpongwe, to be printed this year.

BENITO (on return journey), March 9. — As soon as I was able to procure a Greek New Testament after arriving here, I begun working with Mrs. De Heer to revise her Benga New Testament. We worked day and night to get it done before my departure. We expect to return to Kangwe next week, and rely on the Lord to send us a good opportunity.

I have translated the following hymns:

"*Plus que vainquerers.*"
"Nearer my God."
"Art thou weary, art thou languid."
"There is a green hill."
"Abide with me."
"I'm a pilgrim."
"There is a gentle voice."

Herman Jacot.

EXPLORATION IN WEST AFRICA.

REPORT BY REV. A. C. GOOD, PH.D.—PART II.*

THE FIELD.— From the Campo River northward to the frontier of the Soudan, north of Yewondo, and as far interiorward as we are able to penetrate: this is our field. The Yewondo country is back of Cameroun where the Basel Mission has a flourishing work, but the missionaries there have repeatedly told us they would be glad to see us in the Yewondo country as they cannot possibly occupy that field.

THE PEOPLE TO BE REACHED.— . . . . The bane of mission work in all western equatorial Africa is the multitude of tribes, each with a distinct language, into which the people are split up. In the district of which Kangwe is the centre, we have Fañ, Akele, Galwa, Syeki and Tuili. How I have longed for a field in which one language and one literature would reach everybody! As I studied the map of the country behind Batanga, the prospect was not inspiring. There were the Batanga people, the Mabea, the Fañ, the Bene, the Yengona, the Yewondo, etc. I said to myself, which of these tribes shall we adopt? for we cannot attempt to carry on a work among several having distinct languages. I dwell on this that you may realize the thrill of pleasure with which I learned that all these people, except the first two, speak closely related dialects of the same language. . . . . When, in conversation of a half hour with a Yewondo man I was able to detect only a few slight variations from the Bule, my last doubt vanished and I thanked God that we had found our field. Doubtless closer study of the language of these tribes will reveal minor variations but nothing that will hinder working this whole field as one.

All the tribes of this region are branches of the great Fañ stock. Any one who well understood either the Bule of this region or the Fañ of the Gaboon and Ogowe, could walk straight north from Talaguga to the northern border of the Yewondo country without ever meeting a man who would not understand him. . . . . The general structure of the language is the same but the differences are considerable, and literature prepared for use in the Gaboon and Ogowe cannot be used here.

We find here, then, two great fields for mission work, the one in French, the other in German territory. The one, from the Ogowe to the Campo; the other, from the Campo to the borders of the Soudan. The latter is clearly ours.

Let us study this field a little more in detail. Starting from the coast we have, first, the Batanga people. Their whole number is small. . . . But they should not be neglected. There has been so much seed-sowing among them that the harvest is now ripe and all that is needed to make Batanga a Christian community is a few years of earnest work. And there are other reasons. The coast people are looked up to by natives of the interior almost as white men are, and in Christianizing them we exert an influence that cannot be estimated on these interior people who are pressing down to the coast. Then too, Batanga ought to furnish a corps of efficient helpers for the interior, but they are still to be educated and trained. I therefore favor pushing work in and about Batanga, especially the educational work which is sadly inadequate to the needs.

Just back of the Batanga people are the Mabea. This is really an immense tribe extending all the way from Benito to some distance north of Batanga. Not many years ago, they lived fifty or seventy-five miles back from the coast, but they have been driven down till, now, none of them are more than fifteen miles from the beach. Until recently, no effort was made to evangelize them. They are a people utterly unscrupulous and about as undesirable specimens of humanity to have dealings with as I ever met. . . . .

We next come to the Bule and Upper Campo Fañ. The original home of this people was 300 miles or more east and southeast from Batanga. At least seventy-five years ago, a part of them set out for the coast. Already they are within 25 miles of Batanga to the southeast. They crowd forward as fast as those in front make way for them, and it is certain that, at no distant day, they will fill the whole region back of Batanga. Whether in their eagerness to get near the white man, they are to become a scourge to this coast or not, depends very much on whether we meet them with the Gospel.

POPULATION.—Estimates of population in Africa are proverbially inaccurate; mine shall be as conservative as the facts allow.

* Part I. of this Report was given in the March issue.

I penetrated the country about 170 miles. Running over my notes of towns passed through, on both journeys, going and coming by different roads each time, I must have seen the dwellings of from 30,000 to 40,000 people. Certainly I did not see half of the Bule living west of the point from which I turned back. But how many are still east of that point? . . . . . It is a very low estimate to place the Bule people at 250,000. Of the Yengona, there are by all accounts as many. Of the Yewondo there are more, for all agree in declaring them the most populous tribe of this region. Of the Bene, I am assured, there are nearly as many as Bule. Am I not making a very conservative estimate when I put the population of our Batanga field at one million souls?

I spent much of my time for more than a year revising a hymn-book and New Testament in the Mpongwe language, and there are not more than from 10,000 to 20,000 people who speak Mpongwe. How much more inspiring will be the work of making books for a million possible readers!

RESTING ON THE MARCH.
From a photograph.

In this region there are no cities. I was most anxious to find centres containing at least from 5,000 to 10,000 people but, as far as I went, I found none. I doubt whether they can exist among the Fañ. Their whole social organization tends to disunion, and they simply cannot be crowded together without destroying each other. North Africa has cities of 50,000 and 75,000 inhabitants, but Equatorial Africa, at least toward the west coast, is cursed with a social system in which the tribe is nothing, even the family is of little account and the clan becomes everything. I found lines of villages following each other for miles, with from 40 to 100 souls in each. Of such villages we would often pass twenty to fifty in a day; in several places we passed forty or fifty within three or four miles. Going through such a line of towns, with a noisy crowd of several hundred at one's heels for hours together, gives one the impression that the population is large; but the traveler learns to revise his estimates. Centres can be found where five thousand people can be reached within two hours' walk either way, but better than this we cannot do, at least for our first two stations.

CLIMATE.—I hesitate to express a confident opinion as to climate, and should the future disprove in some measure what I am about to say, I hope those who may suffer will not blame me with having deceived them. The man who is willing to go only where the climate is good had better stay in the United States. Nevertheless, if God calls us to a healthful field we may rejoice in the fact as greatly increasing our chances of usefulness. I am happy, therefore, to be able to put on record the opinion that this Batanga field has, for Africa, an exceptionally healthful climate. On the coast, the death rate as compared with that of Cameroun on the north and Gaboon farther south has always been very low. At our new station in Batanga, missionaries have suffered very little from fever, and those who have come from other stations weakened by sickness, have rapidly recovered here. Leaving the sea, we at once find ourselves on a forest-covered plain, elevated about 100 to 180 feet, and broken here and there by ranges of hills. This plain rises gradually till, thirty or forty miles from the coast, we are at an elevation of 300 or 400 feet. Even this coast plain is in my opinion fairly salubrious. The soil is more or less sandy and does not long retain the water which falls upon it. I spent several nights in the forests of this region, sleeping with nothing between me and "all out of doors" but a mosquito net of cheese cloth, and I felt no ill effects. Beyond this plain, the country rises abruptly to an elevation of from 1,500 to 2,000 feet, with mountains everywhere from 3,000 to 5,000 feet higher. The climate of this mountain region seems to me the most bracing and healthful I have yet found in Africa. It was never hot, except at noon, and the breeze that seemed to creep rather than blow down from the forest-covered mountains soon tempered this

heat so that afternoons and evenings were just perfect. At night I often found two blankets insufficient cover. Now, given a sandy soil, a mountainous country insuring good drainage, and such temperature, and why should not this region be healthful even if it is in Africa?

Of the interior plateau I decline to express a confident opinion. Germans who have lived several years in the northern part of the Yewondo country seem to have had good health. . . . . Compared with the people of the Ogowe and Gaboon with their ulcers, fevers, rheumatism, etc., coming among these people was like coming out of a city hospital into the life and health of the streets. But the plain is hotter than the mountain region, the soil is very fertile and during the rains I would not be surprised if white men should suffer somewhat from fever. . . . .

HEATHEN TYPES ON THE OGOWE.

During the two months I spent in the bush, I never tasted quinine or felt the need of it, and that while I was drenched with rain almost daily and my feet were almost never dry except Sundays. Of course it will be said that I was inured to the climate. But, speaking of myself, I am extremely sensitive to malarial poison. . . . .

THE ROADS.— Let me begin by saying that the topics on which I can make a favorable report are about exhausted. *There are no roads.* Sometimes the walking will be good for a day at a time, but, usually, there are streams to be crossed every mile or two. One usually starts out to be carried over if he has enough carriers, but the man falls with him sooner or later. Then there are bogs every here and there often several hundred yards in width, over which it is impossible to be carried. Happy is the man that can go barefoot; he will take off his shoes when he comes to such places and put them on again when he gets over. I have read what Stanley says against a white man's letting natives see his bare feet and I consider it all nonsense. The African has a great deal more respect for a white man who can take care of himself than for one who has to be carried like a baby.

But it is between the towns that the roads become thoroughly bad. No man in Africa ever does any work for the public good, nor ever removes an obstruction from a path unless for his own immediate convenience. At one moment the traveler is crawling on all fours under an obstruction, the next he is balancing himself on a trunk 10 feet from the ground, but it never occurs to him that there is any remedy for these evils. For carriers it is fearful work getting through these clearings. In the older settlements after obstructions have rotted away (they are never removed), a dense growth of weeds and grass often lines the narrow path on either side. This is always wet till 10 A.M. with dew, if not with rain, and the passer-by is, of course, soon wet to the hips. But worst of all, is the habit these people have of making their path along the course of streams. One must walk for a mile or more sometimes, in and out of cold water, his shoes full of sand and little quartz pebbles. Ugh! it makes me shiver even yet to think of it. But I never suffered ill effects either from wading or from being drenched with

rain, and the man who goes to establish a station in this region can, by choosing times and seasons, spend years with less of such exposure than I had. . . . . The time will come when it will pay even a mission to improve these roads. But nothing of the sort can be undertaken for some years, at least, and those who come out to carry the Gospel into this region may as well come prepared to endure some hardships.

CHARACTER OF THE PEOPLE.—Of the Bule, including the Fañ from the upper Campo, I can speak from observation. They have no slaves and no intoxicating drink. They are much less superstitious than coast tribes, but are becoming more so as they become more greedy and ambitious. Many times I was asked to give or sell the fetish by which we white people get so rich, and frequently I found them engaged in making trade medicine, *i.e.*, a fetish, to give them success in trade. This and fetishes to make a man proof against the spears and bullets of his enemies, were almost the only forms of superstition I encountered. True idolatry does not exist in this region, as far as I could discover.

Polygamy is terribly prevalent and in all this region is the substitute for slavery. The sole idea in marriage is ownership, and the condition of woman is that of a slave. It is the ambition of every Bule man to marry at least twenty or thirty women; the number of his wives determines his rank. Some chiefs have sixty and eighty. If a man has many wives he need not work, for they will keep his stomach full and he can sit in the village palaver house and smoke in blissful idleness all his days. This is the Bule's idea of perfect happiness.

The Bule are the most persistent and shameless beggars I ever met anywhere. I utterly lost my patience and temper too, a score of times, at the absurdity of hundreds of people expecting me to make them presents and calling me all the bad names they could think of because I would not. They would beg from my carriers even the food I had bought from them, often at an exorbitant price. When my hungry people after a hard day's work sat down to eat, these lazy loafers, to the number of forty or fifty, would stand around and call them every vile name because they "would not be friendly" and divide with the crowd.

But why dwell on these things? What else are we to expect? These people are savages who have never come in contact with civilization, enough even to get a veneer of good manners, and so they simply acted out their true character. —— Not that they do not know better. Their moral natures are tuned to the same pitch as ours. They praise the same virtues and reprove (in others) the same vices that we reprove. But, in practice, they are shamelessly immoral, dishonest, untruthful, cruel. They might be worse. I think they are less vindictive and cruel than the Fañ of the Gaboon and Ogowe. The Bule character is somewhat relieved by frequent streaks of good humor. . . . .

How often the thought came to me, that if Heaven is to be a happy home for God's people it will not do to admit these Bule. And yet they are material out of which saints may be made; who from a deep experience of sin might fill heaven with praises of redeeming love. Out of these rough, unlovely blacks might be wrought beautiful images of Christ.

A FIGURE-HEAD, LITERALLY.

A CURIOUS bit of history is disclosed by official records of the District of Pernambuco in Brazil. The facts were given on St. Anthony's Day, 13th of June last, in a Brazilian newspaper.

It appears that in 1685, St. Anthony was commanded by the Governor of Pernambuco to enlist in the army and protect the royal arms during the war then in progress. In 1717, he was confirmed by the council in the post of Lieutenant-Colonel. Of course he drew his pay, regularly, and the poor people gladly contributed to the salary of such an able defender. But in 1819 the priests over-shot their mark. They tried to extract heavier alms from the people by raising St. Anthony's rank to that of Chief Sergeant (and pay accordingly), but the Governor opposed them on the ground that St. Anthony "being an official who never dies" might continue to rise to no one knew what rank and make "excessive demands" on the Royal Treasury. This was the first blow, and in 1890, poor St. Anthony was altogether dismissed from the army, by the Provincial Governor. *Mary P. Dascomb.*

Letters from the Front.

WEST AFRICA.

Mrs. Ogden wrote from Baraka, February 20, 1893:

Mission and Presbytery seasons were delayed this year on account of the Ogowe members not being able to secure steamer passage from Cape Lopez. Mr. Menkle, with the *Nassau*, met them there. They had been at Cape L. a week. They suffered much from sea sickness on the *Nassau*, and were a weary company when they arrived January 17. I enjoyed so much having the friends here. We numbered eighteen at table. It was a new thing for me to have the pleasure of entertaining the brethren and sisters at Mission Meeting time.

I did not want to leave my Fangwe work (at Angom), the women, the girls, the boys; and my heart often turns longingly toward them, but I am happy in work here and this is doubtless where I ought to be. I see less of the people here than at Angom, and do little village work. Three native Christian women are very faithful, every week, almost every day, visiting the sick, holding prayer-meetings here and there and finding those who are weary of sin. I would like to be better known at the bedside of the sick and among those who need sympathy, but the proper care of a home in Baraka takes my time and thought.

The size of our family varies; sometimes it trebles itself most unexpectedly, on the arrival of a steamer from either north or south. Our Congo friends often come to us in that way, it is such a rest to them to be on shore whilst the steamer is discharging or taking on cargo. We are always glad to welcome missionaries from any part of Africa and the refreshment their presence brings to us is great. January 19 there were two gentlemen and their wives with us a part of the day, on their way to Congo Free State. They were sent out by the Southern Presbyterian Board. One of the ladies at dinner table remarked to me rather interrogatively—"You do not often have so many Congo folks with you?" "Not too often," I replied. December 27 brought to us five missionaries destined to happy Congo Land.

Please think of me at Baraka. I have charge of the Baraka home-making for 1893. We are only three at table just now,—Mr. Marling, Mr. Ford and myself.

A MEMORABLE DAY.

Miss Babé who went out last Fall writes from Grand Batanga:

In December we celebrated the first quarterly communion since I have been here. I have never seen such a sight. People from afar came to the church Saturday bringing their food with them, and I suppose the people near the church gave them lodging. Where they live there are preaching places, but this is the only church organization and therefore all the communicants must come here. The church, when crowded, holds about four hundred and there were at least three hundred people outside and underneath the church who could not find room inside. Some of them who lived near by, brought boxes, chairs or anything of the kind to sit on. The entire morning was given to a baptismal service. Twenty-one adults and nineteen children were baptized. The church does not permit slavery among Christians: one man therefore, before being baptized declared his four slaves free, in presence of the congregation. Mrs. Godduhn said that one year ago he was a drunkard and was considered a hard case. Thank God, for His mercy to save even to the uttermost those who come to Him.

In the afternoon we partook of the Communion: it was a very solemn feast. It was the first time that all the missionaries were present at once. We started directly after breakfast and took our lunch with us. All went home toward evening except Miss Nassau and I. We stayed for evening service. Near the church and belonging to the mission is a one-room house to which we retreat between services to rest and take lunch, and near by is the native licentiate's house, where we can get hot water and make tea if we like. We always have plenty of visitors here, even sometimes when we would desire to be left alone. Miss Nassau improves the time with these visitors in giving a Bible talk and some seem very much impressed with what she says.

The evening service was conducted by the licen-

tiate and after his long sermon six men spoke for about fifteen minutes each and did not let two seconds pass unimproved. It must have been very interesting, but I could not understand much of it and got very tired toward the last. We went home by moonlight along the nice beach. There are a few streams crossing it and over these I was carried by one of my German boys. It is useless to bridge them, because they change their position constantly. We must always be carried or wade over.

At first I thought I would have difficulty in distinguishing the faces of the natives, but I find it easy now. They are not so easily described as white men. To say one is dark with black eyes and curly hair would not distinguish, for they are all alike in these respects.

Miss Nassau adds, regarding that day of the Communion :

All had walked hither. They were a well-dressed crowd in all their bright colors, with umbrellas to protect them from the sun. There are at least eighty in the inquiry class.

COLOMBIA, S. A.

Miss Hunter who went out last autumn writes from Bogota March 28 :

As I begin to write it is hard to realize that five months have gone by so quickly. We have already reached the first vacation time in our school year, which, it being "Holy Week," is somewhat of a necessity, as our pupils would take it if we did not give it. You have probably noticed in the papers accounts of disturbances in Bogota late in January. This, with unusually active opposition on the part of the priests has affected the Boys' School though the Girls' School numbers thirty-seven, an increase of five over last year. Eleven are boarding pupils.

Do you wonder how I find Bogota and how the Girls' School is doing? This does not seem the far-away city of last summer. Yet when I had a letter from Emily Forman the other day and learned that she was just one week longer in making the journey to North India than I to Bogota, I began to feel that we were really a little out of the world.

After being twice closed and having suffered so many changes, the work is now even more difficult than a new school, for it has almost nothing material, but the building, out of the past to rest upon and in addition has to struggle against a shaken confidence on the part of the people.

I have four hours' recitations in English during the day, and as there are constant interruptions, progress is slow though I manage to study some each day. Mission meetings, which we hold once a week, are one long discussion as to ways and means and the missionaries all feel that we cannot much longer struggle on without a change. Does it not seem that after so many years Colombia's claims ought to be keenly felt? Will you not pray fervently that the Board may be directed in all that relates to this neglected field? If we intend to take possession of this land for Christ, a vigorous effort ought to be made, not for the honor of our Church alone, though it seems to me that is at stake, but in the name of Him whom we serve. With, at least, *two* American teachers, we could make this a really good school.

As I said, this is Holy Week, and I never before had an adequate conception of what it means in a Roman Catholic Country. The desecration of all that is sacred is fearful. There have been processions each day and the streets are filled with a hurrying throng. There is something in the very atmosphere that breathes of irreverence and the maddening frivolity of this wicked city, and we shall be relieved when the week is over. There is something intensely saddening in it.

I went out yesterday with Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell to make calls on some of the poorer church members; away up in that part of the city that stretches toward the mountain, in all manner of out of the way places, into such poor little houses, everywhere meeting a cordial welcome. I was glad to have gone. These people appreciate sympathy. Many of them lead a pitiful struggle for existence, moving out of one little damp house into another and living amid such unsanitary surroundings that one wonders from any point of view how they live at all. . . . .

CHINA.

[From a Private Letter.]

Miss McKillican wrote from Peking :

I wonder if you have been told that there has been for sometime a feeling that a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit was very much needed in Peking. It was hoped that the Week of Prayer would bring a blessing, and there are evidences that it did. Last Sabbath Mr. B. conducted the service in our chapel and, afterward, all who desired to continue in prayer for the Holy Spirit were invited to remain. Nearly all stayed, and I have never heard such earnest, pointed prayers from any Chinamen as those that were offered. The school girls were evidently moved during that meeting,—that is, some of the older ones were, and they and Miss Newton have been meeting every night since, praying for twelve of the girls who are old enough to take a stand for Christ, but have not yet done so.

Last Sabbath ten of those younger girls came to Miss Newton's study for prayer, and she said it was very touching to hear their child-like petitions. She has tried to be very deliberate, and has not urged them at all. Some of these have really given their hearts to Jesus, others are under conviction, and we are hoping and praying may come out all right.

The work in the waiting room (of the Hospital) is encouraging. Some of the women are learning to read ; a few have really given up worship of idols.

I invited the women from this and the Second Church to come and spend a month here,—only about fourteen could come. They lived in the Hospital and Mrs. Tien and I gave them almost all our time. Miss Newton took them for prayers in the evening and Dr. Sinclair as often as she could in the morning. I think those who came were helped.

JAPAN.

Miss Ballagh wrote from Tokyo in January:

As heretofore, my time has been divided between the Meiji Gakuin and the Industrial Girls' School. The latter has about its usual number of pupils—twenty-six boarders and ten day pupils. Half of the day is assigned to industry of various kinds, but especially to embroidery. The proceeds of this department is the main income of the school.

Half of the day is devoted to education. . . . . Sixteen of the boarding pupils are Christians, four having received baptism during the year. Ten of these girls are engaged in Sunday-school work in different places in the city — three or four working in two of them.

That Sunday-school, organized nearly two years ago, here in my little Japanese house, is flourishing. There are over 140 in regular attendance, sometimes many more than we can conveniently manage with our small force of teachers. It requires more tact to interest and keep quiet street children than others.

SPLENDID LITTLE NURSES.

From the first of January to December of 1892 we had over 4,500 children, including 600 babies from a month old up to a year and eighteen months. These babies are tied on the backs of their little brothers and sisters, who could not come unless the babies come too, as they seem to have entire care of them in the day time. Splendid little nurses they make too; can hush a crying baby in no time.

Our chapel Sunday evening services are well attended. Four men were baptized last year; two others and a woman have asked for baptism; others are inquiring. Rev. Mr. Hattori has charge of the preaching but can come only Sunday evenings. We need very much the entire time of an Evangelist.

The dear faithful old Bible woman spends her time going from house to house among the people. She often starts just after breakfast and does not return till after dark. Although she can neither read nor write, she knows nearly every chapter in the New Testament. When she goes into a house she will say: "Won't you please read this for me? I am old (over eighty years) and cannot read." And they willingly read it for her and become interested and, in the conversation which ensues, the old lady explains it and tells them about God and His Son. She is admitted wherever she goes because of the great respect due to old age in this land, and is in this way permitted to sow precious seed that a younger woman could not. This dear old saint has been a blessing to us all and to the neighborhood, in gathering children every Sabbath.

In another Sunday-school in an adjoining town, which we organized last fall, we have an attendance of over eighty. Here, too, the old lady gathers in the children. The rent of two small rooms, opening into each other, is paid for by those who were baptized this last year. In this town the streets are full of children, as indeed they are all over Japan.

NORTH INDIA.

MORE VILLAGE WORK.

Mrs. Grant Jones, who, it will be remembered, has married into our Mission, wrote from Lahore District, February 12:

. . . We have been out in the District since the 10th of December, except for a week in Lahore at New Year. In this time we have encamped at five different villages, distant from each other, and the Gospel has been preached in the little hamlets round the larger centres.

Lately we have been in a region which has never before been visited by a missionary, though native catechists have been there. We were delighted to find the people listened well to the Gospel message and were more simple and unsophisticated than they are in cities. I have seldom needed to go far from our tent, the women gladly came to mine. My sewing machine has been a great attraction, and they would sit by the hour watching me work. Sometimes would come a question like this — "Does 'he' (that is how they always speak of their lords) make you work very hard?" They cannot understand that it is a pleasure to us to be employed. Friendly talk leads to the question, "why have we come among them?" and they are always ready to listen to the message of salvation so new to most of them.

Our first week was through a region where I was well known as "Miss Sahib," and great was the amazement to see me back with a *sahib*. "And so they (meaning our parents) have married you!" has been the usual greeting. Our last camping place has been a large village on the Lahore and Ferozepore road, and here we hope our house will be built.

Before closing I wish just to mention a most interesting case, showing how the Word is blessed through the Spirit. A young Mohammedan presented himself for baptism, *having only studied Matthew's gospel*, given to him by a Christian friend. His father and three sisters also desire baptism.

Miss Van Duzee of Salmas, Persia, says:

Some one is sending me the *N. Y. Evangelist*, and I want to thank her for it, but don't know her address.

HOME DEPARTMENT

PROGRAMME FOR JULY MEETING.

Indians, Chinese and Japanese in America.

Hymn — "The Light of the World is Jesus."

Short Prayer — for a blessing on the hour.

Scripture Reading.

Sentence Prayers — remembering the subject for the month.

INDIANS.

What tribes have just been transferred from the Foreign to the Home Board?

"Striking Narratives," *Church at Home and Abroad*, Oct., '92.
"The Last of Her Race," *Church at Home and Abroad*, Feb., '93.
"The Dakota Indians," *Woman's Work for Woman*, July, '92.

JAPANESE.

"Our Pacific Coast Missions," *The Church*, July, '92.
"Japanese and Chinese in America," *Historical Sketches.*"
"*Metu Ono*," Leaflet issued by Occidental Board.

CHINESE.

"Christianity for the Chinese in Our Cities," *W. W. W.*, July, '90.
"Work of Occidental Board among Chinese Women and Children in Cal.," *W. W. for W.*, July, '91.
"Story of Blind Chin Mui," *Missionary Review*, Feb., '93.
"A Heathen Procession in a Christian City," *Children's Work*, July, '92.
"Occidental Leaves," and Leaflets issued by the Occidental Board.

Let three ladies be selected to each take a division of our subject, giving a brief talk on it drawing her information, if she so desires, from the articles specified above, or giving out *short* extracts from them to be read by others.

OAKLAND, CAL. *Helen Bashford Smith.*

ANNUAL MEETINGS.

THE OCCIDENTAL BOARD, AT SAN FRANCISCO.

THROUGH the sunshine and soft showers of an April day, delegates and friends gathered in large numbers to celebrate the Twentieth Anniversary of our beloved "Board," which has grown from the consecrated effort of a few women to number nine thousand members. Already, in verse, the president had prepared a beautiful tribute to "Zenana Work" which was sung enthusiastically to the sweet tune of "Refuge." This, long ago had come into woman's heart as "prophet to her heart" to tell her that her love would find a way to reach her heathen sisters. The preparatory service was a repetition of that waiting, centuries ago, in an upper room, until the Holy Spirit's presence and power should be felt. The devotional half-hour led by Mrs. Mackenzie of the First Church, called forth fervent desires, melodious praise, and precious assurance from God's word of His willingness to grant our requests.

The Meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. P. D. Browne, whose greeting was tender, full of encouragement, and urgent that in the work we should see "no man any more, save Jesus only." We would gladly have you follow step by step through a programme prepared with care, and sit at the feet of our devoted leaders to be instructed in the practical working of the Societies. The discussions, how to increase membership, gifts, interest, reading, study and prayer were most profitable. From the largest presbyterial society, Los Angeles, came the cheering report, given by Mrs. Maxfield of Pasadena, that from seven Auxiliaries, ten years ago, they now have thirty-seven. Three distinct features of their growth were: loyalty to superiors, Scriptural giving, and more prayer. Reports from every Presbyterial, Auxiliary, Band, Christian Endeavor and Brigade, given by delegates and summed up in the able report of the State Presbyterial Secretary, Mrs. Condit, gave evidence of increased zeal. The Treasurer's report showed an advance in gifts. The treasurer of the building fund for the new Home was heard with joy. The box to be deposited

in the corner stone was upon the table and filled with memorials. Our year's motto, "Whatsoever He saith unto you do it," had not been taken in vain.

A sister from the Philadelphia Society spoke to us as children well beloved and bidding us Godspeed.

It would be like taking a jewel from its setting to describe this Annual Meeting and observe a strict silence about the beautiful Trinity Church which was thrown open to us, and the preparation made for our comfort by its Pastor and the earnest-spirited women who labor with him in the Gospel.

The afternoon devotional meeting was a praise service, conducted by Mrs. Newell of Santa Clara, in which a response from Scripture was asked and given by every member present, making the hour most impressive. Reports of the Recording and Corresponding Secretaries were listened to with deep interest. The Special Object Secretary, Mrs. Russell, made a telling appeal for her branch of the work, showing how interest is increased by knowledge. A paper entitled "A Plea for more Prayer for our Missionaries," read with touching pathos by Mrs. H. B. Smith, Oakland, stirred every heart in the assembly, and gave direction to the sweet, twilight hour of prayer. Miss Berry pictured the peculiar condition of each sent out by our Board, and Mrs. J. Q. Adams, the well known pastor's wife of Westminster Church, with great force told the "requisites needful" for missionaries.

Quite an object lesson was the Syrian girl from Mrs. Hoskins' school in Syria, in her native dress, singing hymns in her own tongue.

Our faithful missionaries in San Francisco showed the result of their hard labor, in a company of Chinese and Japanese children who sang and, under their direction, gave recitations from Scripture. Mrs. Condit's "Twenty Years in Heathen Homes" was a review of the work, impressing all who listened with the need of laying right foundations among heathen peoples. The evening service was of special interest to young people, showing development in their line of work, but was well appreciated by all. Miss Berry gave one of her heart searching talks, in which she tried to draw all into the "Secret of His Presence," after which the hymn beginning with those words was sung.

Friday morning's devotional hour was led by Mrs. W. B. Noble of San Rafael. "Looking Forward," gave the keynote for the exercises of the day. Mrs. Noble begged we would make straight our furrows and let no impediment stop our ploughshare from pressing forward. Gladly would we linger over days so full of precious communion and fellowship, but even as the disciples must descend from the mountain top to the valley to meet suffering humanity, so must we descend to begin with fresh zeal our labor of love.

Mrs. J. E. Wheeler.

Merced, California.

NEW YORK BOARD, AT BUFFALO, APRIL 12, 13.

"Are these all? We want each one of you and more," were the words which greeted the last company of delegates to reach Buffalo on the day preceding Annual Meeting. "Welcome the coming, speed the parting guest" was certainly the motto of the Hospitality Committee, and it is hoped that when the last delegate steamed out from their fair city the members sat down and for awhile rested in the satisfaction of onerous duties gloriously performed. Not only did these ladies see that the delegates were cared for, but for two days all members of auxiliaries, all visitors from out of town, all visitors from the town whose homes were distant, had luncheon provided. Truly did Mrs. Schauffler say when this notice was given that no invitation could be more generous.

Full of blessing was the opening prayer-meeting, conducted by Mrs. Alling, of Rochester. We had heard that Chinese and Japanese Christian women are ever ready to ask God for what they need, becoming as little children in their simple faith. American women were more self-conscious, tongue-tied; but it was not so here. Short sentence prayers followed one after the other in quick succession, till the allotted time was fully spent, and the audience adjourned to the main body of the church — the North Church, on Main Street.

The President, Mrs. Beers, having been unavoidably detained at home by illness in her family, Mrs. A. F. Schauffler presided.

After the opening prayer and hymn,

the roll of delegates was called, showing almost each Presbytery well represented. The Secretaries' reports were presented by Mrs. Morse. Copies were distributed through the church that those present might take them home and read at leisure.

The Report of the Treasurer was presented for Mrs. Hartt by Miss Janeway. It showed an advance of nearly $5,000 from auxiliaries, yet the sum total was below that of last year, two or three large legacies having been paid into the treasury during 1891–1892.

Much regret was felt at the absence of Mrs. Hartt, who had been present at every previous meeting of the Board, she having served as its treasurer since its formation. Another face missed was that of Mrs. Nicholls of Rochester, of whose death mention was made.

Mrs. Avery, of Westchester, was appointed chairman of the Committee on Resolutions; Miss Gilbert, of Utica, of Committee on Place of Annual Meeting, which reported the following day in favor of Binghamton. Mrs. Bryant, of Buffalo, was appointed chairman of Nominating Committee for 1893–1894.

Miss Fleeson told most touchingly of her labors in Lao Land, and subsequently some details of the recent famine, which were heartrending, the people eating the outside fibre of the cocoanut — such as we use for door mats — mixed with leaves and the bark of trees. Mrs. Schauffler followed with a few words, exhorting all to follow the example of Mrs. Booth of the Salvation Army, who always kept a stirring biography "on the read."

The afternoon session opened by a discussion on ways of working and answering questions from a Question Box. Following these came Mrs. Dulles, who exhorted to loyalty to the Board, with a protest against diverting funds needed for work for which we had assumed responsibility, to other chance needs which, though often worthy, were hardly to be thus met.

Mr. Dulles came next in an address to Christian Endeavorers. He showed that the Holy Spirit is manifested in different portions of the heathen world, and urged that in our advance work we follow the plan adopted by our Western pioneers, who plant an outpost here and there, and when the march of civilization catches up, move steadily on till the whole land is reclaimed.

At the evening session the Rev. Gilbert Reid spoke of the marvelous progress of Christianity in the Shantung mission, China, and Dr. Ellinwood gave one of his comprehensive talks which seem to flash upon your mental camera the whole history and scope, trials and triumphs of mission work.

Rev. John S. Hubbell, pastor of the church, asked God's blessing upon the offertory. This was appropriated to new work in Africa.

After the devotional meeting and the necessary business on Thursday morning, a second account of work in the Shantung province was given by Mrs. C. R. Mills, who told also of her endeavors to teach the deaf and dumb. The Chinese themselves do nothing for these afflicted ones.

Miss Parsons, Sec. for Literature, said a few words on "How to Read." Delegates were received from the Philadelphia Society and from the Society in Canada, and for a half hour Mrs. Gillespie told of her visit to our missions in India, which she aptly called "Lighthouses."

In the afternoon, Miss Adam, of Edinburgh, gave an account of work done for Foreign Missions by the woman's societies connected with the different branches of the Scotch Church. She was listened to with great interest, the pleasant Scotch accent seeming always to recall the loyalty, the purity, the staunchness of the Scotch faith.

Two young married ladies came before the audience with a few brief words — Mrs. Fenn, who with her husband is under appointment to China, and Mrs. Laffin, who sails almost at once with her husband for distant Africa. She told of her long cherished desire to labor for the heathen, and closing quoted the saying that "Foreign Missions means your money or your life." She gave her life, asking if there were no others there to do the same.

A few words more from the Rev. Gilbert Reid, then a short address by Dr. Mary Fulton, who spoke enthusiastically of the work of Dr. Mary Niles in Canton, were followed by the beautiful farewell of the pastor of the church. He greeted these women who had, he said, with the apostle of old, been his helpers, and commending them and their work to the God of all grace, dismissed them with a benediction, the tones of which lingered long upon the ear and will rest ever in their hearts. *M. P.*

SOCIETY OF NORTHERN N. Y., AT SARATOGA, APRIL 19, 20.

THE village of Saratoga was invaded on the afternoon of April 19 by a goodly company of women who, immediately on their arrival, wended their way to the First Presbyterian Church where a most cordial reception was accorded them by ladies of the First and Second Churches. After some time spent in delightful social intercourse, all adjourned to the lecture room, where an hour was spent in a most helpful, devotional service. The annual gathering always begins its sessions with an hour of prayer; it is one of the features of the meeting to which all hearts look forward with expectation and look back upon with gratitude. The leader, Miss Emma De Forest of Fort Edward, took for her subject "Apostleship." She said that a sentence of Phillips Brooks had been helpful to her and might prove helpful to others; it was this: "If Christianity means anything it means Apostleship as well as Discipleship; it is as much our privilege to be sent forth as apostle as of the twelve." The necessary qualifications for apostleship, as laid down by our Lord in the tenth chapter of Matthew's Gospel, were dwelt upon. The rest of the hour was spent in prayer, every moment being occupied.

In the evening the popular meeting was addressed by the Rev. James S. Dennis, D.D., so long of Beirût, Syria. Dr. Dennis's address was full of hope and cheer. We were taken behind the scenes at 53 Fifth Avenue and allowed to share some of the interesting letters which accompanied the offerings from the Week of Self-Denial, and as we listened we could not help but feel that Week would prove of great spiritual blessing to our Church as well as to the work of Foreign Missions.

As we went with Dr. Dennis on an imaginary trip around the world, visiting the various mission fields, we found everywhere the work full of encouragement, whether carried on by our own Church, or by other denominations.

Thursday morning, though the hour of devotional service was early, a large number of delegates succeeded in being present. The service was conducted by Mrs. J. W. Ellis of Albany. After reading I Cor., 12, Mrs. Ellis gave five reasons why women should be specially interested in Foreign Missions. After a delightful hour in which all hearts were drawn nearer to the Great Head of the Church the business session began. The President, Mrs. Yeisley, gave her annual address, or, as she preferred to call it, an informal talk. She enlarged on the following points: "Who ought to be interested in Foreign Missions, Why, When and Where."

The reports followed. The Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. B. Nason, told us that for twenty-one years she had been examining letters and reports from the field and never had she read such hopeful and encouraging ones as had come this year. On the home side the fact that five Bands had disbanded was deplored. The need for the young people to remain loyal and to persevere was urged. To off-set this, seventeen C.E.S. were reported as contributing to Foreign Missions; a large gain from the previous year. The Treasurer was able to report a larger amount sent to 53 Fifth Avenue than last year. As the ten per cent. advance was not quite met, it was suggested that as it was a debt of honor it be met at once and this was done.

The Committee on Publications urged wider circulation of our admirable magazines. It was suggested that ladies who are members of literary clubs which meet to read together the various magazines, see to it that one of those read and discussed be *Woman's Work for Woman.*

A social hour was enjoyed while partaking of the excellent lunch provided by the hostesses, and every one returned to the church rested and refreshed.

After re-election of the Board of Officers, the delightful programme for the Young People's Hour, prepared by Miss Territt of Saratoga, was given. It more than met our anticipations. It was a war meeting, and in addition to papers on such topics as "Our Faces to the Foe," "Appropriations for the Army," etc., "Dispatches from the Field" were read.

At the conclusion of this interesting hour, Dr. Mary Fulton gave us an address on medical work in Canton. Whether we went with Dr. Fulton to visit the Hospital, or spend the day at her Dispensary while she ministered to her two hundred patients, or followed her down the narrow streets to the home of some poor suffering Chinese woman, or to one of the wealthier class, we were more than ever impressed with the great need of medical work and the blessed results which follow it.

This delightful gathering was brought to a close by prayer offered by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Durant. Good byes were said to hostesses and fellow-workers, and we wended our way to the train, feeling that it had indeed been good to be there.

Emily A. Darling.

BOARD OF THE NORTHWEST, AT BURLINGTON, IOWA, APRIL 26, 27.

NOTWITHSTANDING the overcast sky and almost constant showers, a large and interested audience was present at the opening session of the Twenty-second Annual Meeting, which was held in the First Presbyterian Church, Burlington, Iowa. Mrs. Penfield presided, assisted by Mrs. Herrick Johnson. The opening hymn, "Joy to the World," was sung with hearty enthusiasm. Mrs. Penfield chose for the scripture lesson passages from Isaiah 59 and 60. Mrs. Thomas of Burlington gave the Board a cordial welcome, to which Mrs. Herrick Johnson responded. A short time was occupied with necessary business, after which Mrs. Haworth, attired in her pretty Japanese costume, in a short talk, inspired an increased respect for the mental development of the Japanese whose eager interest in philosophical and agnostic writers renders necessary some powerful antidote. The afternoon session was full of interest, as Mrs. Van Hook told of her experiences in Persia, Miss Fleeson of her life in Lao Land, and Mrs. Ainslee brought personal items from Turkey. Mrs. Wishard of Chicago made a most acceptable address.

In the evening Mr. Robert Speer of the Board of Foreign Missions, in earnest, thrilling words, told of the possibility of evangelizing the world in a generation. A Christian world open to *give*, a heathen world open to *receive*, and immense wealth in the Christian Church to render the other forces available; but, beyond and above all, the power of consecrated prayer.

Thursday morning, a large prayer-meeting, led by Mrs. McClintock of Denver, was held in the First Congregational Church, where earnest petitions ascending in rapid succession to the Father's throne seemed to bring immediate answers in the evident presence of the Holy Spirit. The morning session was led by Mrs. George H. Laflin of Chicago. The first hour was devoted to discussions as to best methods for carrying on the work. The greatest encouragement was felt at the number of practical questions presented and the free discussion which followed, showing that many in the audience were anxious to do the greatest amount of work in the most effective manner. The second hour, under guidance of Mrs. Forsythe, was taken up with work in Young People's Christian Endeavor Societies. All agree in the importance of having a missionary committee and an abundance of missionary literature in every society. Perhaps the most impressive hour was that occupied by Mrs. Helm in introducing missionaries who had worked for the Master so faithfully in foreign fields and those who are soon to devote their lives to this work. The Treasurer, Mrs. Farwell, read her Report, which caused great pleasure as it showed that for the first time the Board had raised over $90,000. All joined thankfully in singing the doxology.

Mrs. Milton Green, formerly of Mexico, gave delightful word pictures of different scenes in Mexico. All were moved by the accepted self-renunciation depicted by Mrs. Herrick Johnson in her beautiful poem. Mrs. Penfield gave the closing address, full of enthusiasm and hope. She said no notes of sadness should come from the children of the King. Her words were calculated to arouse the workers to new activity.

The ladies of the Board appreciated most sincerely the hearty welcome, the beautiful decorations in the church, the choice music and cordial hospitality offered by ladies of Burlington.

M. B. W.

(*Mrs. Robert M. Wells for the Board.*)

THE PHILADELPHIA SOCIETY, AT ERIE, PA., APRIL 26, 27.

"I WAS glad when they said unto me, Let us go up to the house of the Lord" at Erie. The women gathered from near and from far, in the chapel of the First Presbyterian Church, Tuesday evening, for an opening service of praise and prayer, led by Mrs. E. D. Ledyard, of Steubenville, Ohio. "Courage" was the theme, and Isa. 41 : 10 the motto given for the coming year. After an hour of

sweet communion the ladies of Erie invited the company to their elegant church parlors, where were tokens of a hospitality refined and attractive.

Wednesday morning the address of welcome by Mrs. Ross, wife of the pastor of the church, was notable for brevity and beauty of expression. One sentence we must quote: "We greet you in the name of Him whom we love and try to serve, and, because He is not here in visible presence, we take His place in bidding you 'Welcome Home.'" In Mrs. Turner's graceful reply she said: "Our work is woman's work for woman; not high to low, not rich to poor; but wife to wife, sister to sister. The city of God has gates on all sides, for all nations."

The Treasurer reported a total of $152,090.75 received the past year, being an advance of $227. The report was followed by prayer.

Mrs. Watters (Home Secretary) reported two new presbyterial societies, twenty-three auxiliaries, eighty-one Christian Endeavor societies pledged to give, and many Bands organized, as well as Junior C. E. societies. The "Little Light Bearers" are proving a fine suggestion. An increase of prayer is noticeable.

"The Lighthouse Keepers."—Missionaries present were introduced by Mrs. Gillespie in her inimitable manner, causing us to feel at once that Miss Milliken of Japan, Mrs. Mateer and the Misses Fulton and Noyes of China, Mrs. Holcomb, Mrs. Hull, Mrs. Graham and Miss Hutchison of India, and Mrs. Alexander, formerly of Persia, were our very own representatives and most dear to our hearts. We could see Mrs. Holcomb riding into Jhansi on a stately elephant, and Dr. Fulton administering pills, although she facetiously exclaimed: "Pills! Do not think of me as a walking pill-box, for the Chinese want medicine by the pint!" Mrs. Gillespie said, "Pour oil into the Treasury; our missionaries will keep the lights burning."

Survey of Foreign Work.—Mrs. Thorpe gave us a hasty glance at Siam, Laos, South America, Syria and India, showing a wealth of labor in schools for boys and girls, in kindergartens, and in training schools for young women preparing for local work. Such reviews show a large return even to earthly vision.

Mrs. Holcomb gave us a very clear idea of how Jhansi station was opened and the obstacles to be overcome.

A memorial service was observed at 2 P.M. for the beloved Secretary, whose funeral was being observed at the same hour in New York. Dr. Gillespie made the address, saying his beloved co-laborer had been characterized by deep-toned and fervent piety. Dr. Mitchell looked upon missions as God's work and as such believed in them. Bless God for such a grand life.

Mrs. Newkirk recommended Batanga to our attention as our central African station hereafter. Many changes among workers in Japan were noted. She glanced at Mexico, Persia, China, and considered the work done by woman for women one of the best signs of the times.

Watari in Fune.—Miss Milliken from Tokyo, spoke of the rivers of Japan, which in dry seasons are mere ribbon-like rivulets, but swollen to rushing streams when rains have filled them and broken down the bridges. Then the "*Watari in Fune*," or a boat for a waiting traveler, will safely carry a person across. Japan wishes to cross the swollen stream of ignorance and heathenism to civilization and Christianity. It is ours to furnish the boat of Faith in God. Japanese Christians are mostly young people; let the young here help them.

A Bit of Local Color.—Miss Hutchison gave it in a bright dress, like those worn in India, with ornaments, especially the thumb-ring holding a tiny mirror. She described Woodstock school.

Dr. Mary Fulton, of Canton, stirred the audience with her wit and wisdom. China has no elephants to ride on, but it has wheelbarrows! No English protectors but thousands of proud, conservative mandarins. One of these having the death-power had caused 6,000 deaths by his word. His mother was given up to die by native physicians and he sent for Miss Fulton. She gave medical service attended by big doses of gospel and prayers. One hundred physicians wanted in Southern China.

Young People's Hour.—Led by Miss F. U. Nelson. Here was a lively time, as was becoming to the subject. Y.P.S.C.E. received much attention in both branches. Boys' Brigades are multiplying and doing valiant service.

Wednesday Evening.—Rev. H. C. Ross presided, a large choir gave fine music, and Dr. Gillespie, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, the address. The leading thought was that our work is to build up Christianity, rather than to Americanize or Anglicize Oriental countries. Many striking incidents of travel added life and interest to the address. At its close an offering of $87 was made for Central Africa.

April 27, Presbyterial Conference.—Space forbids the report of half the admirable suggestions made by these energetic, capable, successful officers. A very free use of leaflets was urged. Maps,

money, personal influence, Bands and C. E. Societies, qualifications for presbyterial secretaries, and a host of other topics caused the hour to fly swiftly as well as profitably.

GENERAL CONFERENCE, led by Mrs. J. P. E. Kumler, was also bright and helpful.

Miss Nelson gave an instructive paper on "Wants and Duties of the Present Hour." In answer to What is Wanted Now? came sentence replies from all parts of the house: Discussion, Consecration, Popularizing the Work, Fresh Baptism of the Holy Spirit, Winsome Ways to the Young, etc.

Mrs. Chester gave an outlook into the future. Much new work is proposed in various lands. Schools are crowded, volunteers ready; where is the money to come from? Our last watchword was *Ready!* now, *Forward March!*

Miss Noyes told of the burning of their schoolhouse years ago and the success of the school since. China needs women to teach who steal hearts and homes.

MRS. HULL told of work among the Marathas. One child called the missionary's voice the voice of Christ. Pray more, give more, and cause this voice to be heard.

MRS. MATEER begins work with a catechism something like this: How old are you, venerable woman? and so on, until the women would say, "She is like us. She wants to know about us." One person came close and gazed sharply at the foreign woman and said, "Well, you are not so bad, but this other is the pretty one." Gradual progress into favor and the first faint glimmers of light on their dark minds were obtained only after many discouragements.

MRS. ALEXANDER gave an interesting account of work among the Jews of Persia. Where lie the ashes of Mordecai and Esther, Jews simply *exist*, in crowded, filthy quarters, dying under false systems of medicine. The Bible can be read in many houses.

LIFE, LIGHT AND LOVE was the theme of a beautiful address by Miss Mary Evans, Principal of the Young Ladies' Seminary at Painesville, Ohio. To get the glow of mountain scenery, look towards the light, so we must look at the light of Love to secure the glow we need in the work for Christ. Seek, not so much incident as sympathetic love. At a crowded meeting Moody jumped on top of a table and shouted, "God loves you; God loves you." Believe in this work because Love is in it. Pray for more and more Love in which is Light and Life.

OUR PRESIDENT'S CLOSING WORDS.—"You are the society; we your servants; no advance without your help. Be enthusiastic, and give united effort for success. May we meet next year to sing the songs of joy and gladness." The constitution requiring every fifth Assembly to meet in Philadelphia, it was necessary to decline the three invitations from other places and all would be welcomed at Philadelphia in 1894. Mrs. Turner invited all the missionaries to take dinner with her at the Reid House, and others to a reception in the parlors.

"All hail the power of Jesus' name," was sung, thus closing this delightful Twenty-third Annual Assembly, the former officers having been re-elected.

(*Mrs. W. E.*) *Alice W. Knox.*

BOARD OF THE SOUTHWEST, AT ST. LOUIS, APRIL 26, 27.

DELEGATES were expected from Kansas, Texas and the Indian Territory, as well as Missouri, but the week opened with heavy storms, wind, rain and hail, so that only the nearer auxiliaries were represented. In behalf of the pilgrims who ventured, however, I must say that we were delighted with the thoughtful care which greeted us on our arrival and provided everything for our comfort, from the very complete lunch each day to the lovely Christian homes where we were made so welcome. And the delegates who accepted the invitation given by Mrs. Anna Sneed Cairns will not soon forget the delightful hours spent at Forest University, Wednesday evening, nor the rare treat of music from choir and organ on our return to the church.

Every arrangement was as complete as possible; the programme was carefully prepared and scrupulously followed. The President was an ideal officer, cordial but firm, catching the spirit of each resolution as offered, and repeating it so clearly that no mistake could occur, welcoming each speaker in some happy way, yet fixing the limit of each address that the audience might enjoy all. We were gathered in the First Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, which represents the earliest Protestant organization west of the Mississippi, and has recently celebrated its seventy-fifth anniversary. As Rev. Dr. Martin said in his felicitous way, "I might be called the father-in-law of the Southwest Board, since its first meeting was held in our former edifice." We caught the keynote of hopeful work from the motto before us, as we entered the church, "Enlarge thy coasts," and our hearts joyfully took up the refrain as we renewed covenant vows in the opening Communion service.

After recalling the loved and lamented Dr. Ganse, in her address of welcome, Mrs. Melville Sawyer happily turned our thoughts from the gloomy skies without to the command of our Father, "Let there be light," asking that each of his children might be a torch-bearer. The President, Mrs. L. D. Hopkins, responded. The Auxiliary Secretary, Mrs. J. A. Allen, spoke of the deep interest in all the meetings of the Executive Committee, new helpers coming in, freshly consecrated to the service of God. And Miss Fleming of Park College, a thorough student and the valedictorian of her class, offered herself to the Board at this meeting,

as a medical missionary, and was accepted.

As this was the first year since the Board has been exclusively devoted to foreign work, great anxiety had been felt by the officers, lest its pledge to increase its appropriations twenty per cent. should not be realized. We were especially touched at hearing of the meeting for prayer, just a week before the close of the fiscal year, when the receipts had amounted to only $7,000. The answer came, "while they were yet speaking," as the treasurer entered with the joyful report that $12,302.15 had been given in all.

Synodical reports were hopeful, showing an increase in the Christian Endeavor Auxiliaries from 3 to 58. Appeal was made to the consciences of delegates to increase the use of missionary literature — that subscriptions to *Woman's Work* should at least reach one thousand, and those to *Children's Work* be largely extended. In the conference on "Methods of Work" some valuable suggestions were given which the young societies will be glad to use. A loving message, II. Thess. 2 : 16, 17, was received from the Woman's Board of the Northwest, then in session at Burlington, Ia.

The tidings that our dear Dr. Arthur Mitchell had gone to his reward brought sorrow to many hearts, as we recalled his hearty sympathy in our work, his earnest and faithful service for our Master.

Mrs. Walter Condict, who has been visiting Auxiliaries of our Board in Kansas and Missouri, uttered some closing words before leaving for her home in New Jersey. Her tender interest in our missionaries will not soon be forgotten, and we hope she may long be spared to reveal new lessons from the Word of God.

From time to time, returned missionaries were gathered on the platform for recognition, some bearing the signs of long years of exile, but all hopeful and full of faith and courage. Rev. Mr. Garvin, of Valparaiso, Chili, was introduced as our "brother-in-law," since his wife is under our charge. He gave a bright sketch of what had been accomplished on his field : no large accessions as yet, but decided progress, and helpers are being trained in the Theological class. Mrs. Haworth stated that the Japanese are unusually susceptible of thorough education and converts are remarkably efficient in Christian work.

Dr. Jessie Bell Woodside conducted the Children's Hour on Wednesday afternoon, when Mrs. Garvin described the great need for the "Truth Society," which she has organized for little Chilians, and the Band of Hope for the boys, both of which have proved very successful. Miss S. E. Tyler, of the American Board, described schools in Zululand, where her own childhood was spent. Mrs. Tracy, of India, told some encouraging facts in reference to the faith and steadfastness of Native Christians, with an earnest appeal for more missionaries. Mr. Robert Speer's closing address was reported as very earnest and eloquent. Some of us were forced to lose it, but we carried away with us the spirit of readiness for wider effort, for deeper consecration, for greater self-denial, as indicated in Mrs. Hopkins's farewell words, and we trust that next year will prove our sincerity. *Susan H. Johnson.*

Oswego, Kansas.

SINCE LAST MONTH.

Departures.

April 22.—From New York, Chas. J. Laffin, M.D., and Mrs. Laffin, and Mr. Matthew Henry Kerr, all bound for W. Africa.

Marriage.

April 20 — At Harrisburgh, Pa., Miss Emma Doll Bailey to Mr. Robert Elliott Speer, Assistant Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Deaths.

March 9.— At Oroomiah, Persia, after forty-seven years of missionary life, interrupted by several visits to America, Mrs. D. P. Cochran, widow of Rev. J. G. Cochran. Her mortal remains were laid in Seir beside the graves of her husband and three children. Five children survive her : Dr. J. P. Cochran of Persia, and four daughters living in Mass., Wis., Cal., and Russia.

March 24 or 25.— At Soochow, China, Hattie, daughter of Rev. J. N. Hayes.

April 24.— At Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Rev. Arthur Mitchell, D.D., in the fifty-eighth year of his age, having been nine years Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Two paper covered books helpful to missionary societies : *Questions and Answers on Lands without a Missionary.* By Rev. D. C. Rankin (So. Pres. Board). Send to Mission Rooms, Nashville, Tenn. Price, five cents.

How They Say It In Missionary Lands, being a guide in pronunciation. Send to Woman's For. Miss. Society, 1334 Chestnut Street, Phila. Price, five cents.

Receipts of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church from April 1, 1893.

[PRESBYTERIES IN SMALL CAPITALS.]

ATHENS.—Amesville, 7; Athens, S.C.E., Jr., 4; Barlow, 13; Carthage, 5; Gallipolis, 35, Willing Workers, 10, S.S., 15; Logan, 18.81, Willing Workers, 20; Marietta, 75.70; McConnellsville, 6, Willing Workers, 1; Middleport, S.S., 20; Nelsonville, 20.70; Warren, 8.70, S.C.E., 2, 261.91

BLAIRSVILLE.—Armagh, 1; Beulah, 37.75; Congruity, 16; Ebensburg, 10; Fairfield, Old, 7.14; Fairfield, Union, Gleaners, 8,86; Greensburg, 1st, Foster Bd., 10.50; Harrison City, 20; Jeannette, Y.L.S., 10; Johnstown, S.S., birthday box, 12; Ligonier, 21.17; Murrysville, 1, Verda Hoey's mite barrel, 78 cts.; W.M.C., 72, Jessie Porter Bd., 12; Unity, 15, Y.L.B., 10.63, 265.83

BUTLER.—Aliegheny, 6.55; Amity, 15; Buffalo, 20; Butler, 86.51, S.C.E. (self denial, 13,13), 48.80; Centreville, 20.85, McCauley Bd., 4.89; Clintonville, 4, Y.L.B., 13; Concord, 34; Grove City, 43.49, King's Messengers, 6.27, Always Ready, 15.30; Harlansburg, 25; Harrisville, 25; Martinsburg, 10; Middlesex, 33, Ephraim Bd., 7.35; Mt. Nebo, 20; Muddy Creek, 30, Morning Star Bd., 1.50; New Hope, 6, S.S., 10; New Salem, 20; North Butler, 11.75; North Liberty, 16.50, Workers for Jesus, 7; North Washington, 29, Children's Bd., 10.25; Plain Grove, Y.P.S., 20; Portersville, 34; Prospect, 12, Y.P.S., 1; Scrub Grass, 23.25; Summit, 16; Unionville, 15.85; Westminster, 6.50; West Sunbury, Y.L.B., 24, Children's Bd., 20.36, 782 45

CLEVELAND.—Akron, 14.25; Ashtabula, 20.77; Cleveland, 1st, 483.10, Haydn Circle, 55, S.S., 100.71; Cleveland, 2d, 197.33, Handy Bd., 125, James Eells Bd., 135, S.S., 205; Beckwith, 68.70, S.S., 20, S.C.E., Jr., 5; Bethany, 13; Bolton Ave., 20.70, S.S., 40.79, S.C.E., 15, S.C.E., Jr., 3; Calvary, 91.30, S.S., 100; Case Ave., 82.25; Euclid Ave., 203, S.S., 50; Miles Park, 11; North, 33, Youthful Helpers, 9, Forget-me-not Bd., 50; Wilson Ave., 11.73, S.S., 13, S.C.E., 22.71; Woodland Ave., 339.32, S. Adams Bd. (Y.L.), 67.45, S. Adams Bd. (children), 20, S.C.E., 20, Bushnell Boys, 30; East Cleveland, 68; Guilford, 15; Northfield, 4; North Springfield, 5.25; Orwell, 3.50, S.C.E., 6.50; Painesville, Lake Erie Sem., 30; Parma, 9, Gleaners, 3; Rittman, 3.50; Rome, 5, Y.P. Guild, 3; South New Lyme, 8; Willoughby, 29, Mrs. Collins, 25, 2,902.86

COLUMBUS.—Central College, 30; Circleville, 46.15, Y.L.B., 12.75; Columbus, 1st (th. off., 10), 43, Delia Loring Bd., 30, Jesus' Little Ones, 15, Altruists, 5; 2d Ch. (th. off., 114 50), 193.14, Y.L.B., 38, Harriet Moore Bd., 10.62, Primary S., 18.50, Y.L. Cir., 15; Broad St., 138.42, S.S., 100; Fifth Ave., 13.25, Y.L.B., 28.70, St. Andrew's Bd., 1.75; Westminster, Y.L.B., 50, Willing Workers, 30; Groveport, 10; Lancaster, 20.20, Boys' Bd., 32.65, S.S., 16.50; Lithopolis, 11.55; London, 38.50, Mrs. Finley, 15, a friend, th. off., 2.50; Lower Liberty, 22.80; Mifflin, 32.68, Mary Clark Bd., 4.40; Mt. Sterling (th. off., 12), 19.65; Rush Creek, 20, Alice Jackson Bd., 8; Scioto, 5.95; Westerville, 1875, H. Bushnell Bd., 9; col. Pres. Soc., 9.22, 1,187.38

CORISCO.—Baraka, 25.00

DAYTON.—Bath, 4.30; Blue Ball, 18.50, Bd., 2; Camden, 10.70; Clifton, 17, Y.L.B., 62.15; Collinsville, 25.75; Dayton, 1st, 69, Y.L.B., 37.25, S.S., 55; 3d St., 3.30, a friend, 1, Y.L.B., 141 53; 4th, 52.28, Buds of Promise, 10; Memorial, 36.85, Golden Rule Bd., 5.75, King's Soldiers, 2.75, Light Bearers 6, S.S., 5.03, S.C.E., Jr., self-denial, 50 cts.; Park, 55.50, Gleaners, 7.61; Riverdale, 6.50; Wayne Ave., 6; Eaton, 5.50; Franklin, 14, Willing Workers, 89 cts.; Gettysburg, 5; Greenville, 47.25; Middletown, 37.50; Monroe, 4.25; New Carlisle, 30, Bd., 3; New Jersey, 9.58, S.C.E., 1.69; New Paris, 7.65; Oxford, 84.80, Howard Bd., 40; Oxford Fem. Col., 62; Piqua, 72.46, S.S., 35; Reiley, 5.50; Seven Mile, 26.40; Somerville, 45; South Charleston, 10.75, Busy Bees, 10; Springfield, 1st, 154, "Con," 78, S.S., 63, S.C.E., 27, Jesus' Lambs, 30; 2d, 125, Y.L.B., 35, S.S., 30; 3d, 47.07; Troy, 73.50, 2d Soc., 11, Mrs. H. E. Drury, 25; Washington, 5; Xenia, 82.02, Conversazione, 32, S.S., 60.39; Yellow Springs, 25.78, Fred Coan Bd., 8, 2,438.93

EAST FLORIDA.—Kissimmee, 15.00

ELIZABETH.—Basking Ridge, 48, Gleaners, 85; Bethlehem, 42; Clinton, 25, Sewing Soc., 31, Boys' Bd., 21, Star Bd.. 8; Connecticut Farms, 29, S.S., 30.50; Cranford, 75.15; Dunellen, 11. Elizabeth, Ass'n, 605.32; 1st Ch., a family, 60, Mary Morrison Bd., 57, King's Children, 9; 2d Ch., Light Bearers, 125; 3d Ch., Y.L.C., 50; Westminster Ch., Bd., 315; Madison Ave., Y.L.B., 18; Marshall St., Y.P.S., 7.50, Cheerful Givers, 70, Bd. Union, 2; Lamington, S.S., 23.07, Blauvelt Bd., 20; Liberty Corner, 5; Metuchen, 45.43, Little Gleaners, 6.11; Perth Amboy, 33.71, S.C.E., Jr., 5; Plainfield, Ass'n, 220.40, Y.L.B., 121; 1st Ch., S.S., 35; Crescent Ave., Sunshine Bd., 130, Earnest Workers, 85; Pluckamin, 58.25, Crescent Bd., 28; Rahway, 1st, 99.58, Sharon Bd.. 50, Memorial Bd., 45; 2d, 108.95, Harvest Bd., 65, Grand St. Chapel, 5; Roselle, 39.50, S.C.E., 30; Springfield, 47.35, Inf. cl., 6; Westfield, 47.50, Y.L.B., 5, Whatsoever Bd., 5, Christomathean, 30; Woodbridge, 35, 3,104.32

FAIRFIELD.—Bethlehem, 1st, 75 cts; 2d, 2; Cheraw, 35 cts.; Carmel, 2.50; Good Will, 3.50; Hopewell, 1.15; Ladson, 4; Lebanon, 87 cts.; New Haven, 50 cts.; New Olivet, 60 cts.; Shiloh, 2d, 50 cts.; misc., 2.25, 18.97

HOLSTON.—Elizabethton, 6, Golden Sunbeams, 12; Jonesboro', 14.65, S.C.E., 6.28, 38.93

HUNTINGDON.—Alexandria, Hartslog Valley Bd., 10.53; Altoona, Mary Lovell, 50 cts., friends, 9.50; Birmingham, Y.L.B., in mem. May Thatcher. 15; Curwensville, King's Daughters, 30; Lewistown, S.C.E., 10; Tyrone, self-denial, 1, 76.53

JERSEY CITY.—Englewood, 500. Wilder Mem. Bd.. 75, Earnest Workers, 50, Lookout Club, 15. Day-by-Day Club, 15; Garfield, 18, S.C.E., 2; Hackensack, 5; Hoboken, 50. Wood Violets, 40; Jersey City, 1st, 130.69, Steady Gleaners, 20; 2d, 46.38, Little Workers, 2; Claremont, 5; Scotch, 25; Westminster, 9, S.C.E., Jr., 5; Newfoundland, 34; Passaic, 1st, 99.50, Pansies, 74, S.C.E., Jr., 2; Paterson, 1st, 50; 2d, 125; Ch. of the Redeemer, 150, Mrs. C. H. Stevenson, 25, Y. P. Bd., 50; Westminster, 16.75, Willing Workers, 3.25; Rutherford, 116.98, Mrs. Stewart Mem'l, 30, Y.L.S., 83; Tenafly, 23; West Hoboken, Workers, 113; W. Milford, 40, Willing Workers, 30; Presb. Soc., th. off., 21st anniversary, 227.33, 2,305.88

KINGSTON.—Chattanooga, 2d, 4, S.C.E., 15; Harriman, 2.50; North Side, S.C.E., 3, S.C.E., Jr., 5, 29.50

KITTANNING.—Apollo, 33.69, Hopeful Bd., 2.36, Faithful Workers, 1.45; Bethel, 25; Boiling Spring, 13; Centre, 3.35; Cherry Tree, 6; Clarksburg, 20, S.C.E., 5.50; Clinton, 5; Concord, 14; Currie's Run, 21.03; Ebenezer, 30; Elders Ridge, 13.50, S.C.E., 15, Donaldson Bd., 19.34; Elderton, 22; Freeport, S.S., 40; Glade Run, 47.25; Harmony, 12; Homer City, 12; Indiana, 125; Kittanning, 1st, 200; 2d, 3.85; Marion, 10.75, S.C.E., 2.12; Parker City, S.C.E., 11,55; Saltsburg, 25, Sunbeams, Sr., 14, Sunbeams, Jr., 3.25; Srader's Grove, 23; Slate Lick, 40.50; Tunnelton, 5.35; Union, 7; Washington, 28; Worthington, 20.60; W. Glade Run, 25; W. Lebanon, 12.20, 908.64

MCCLELLAND.—Aiken, Immanuel, 33 cts.; Bowers, 83 cts.; Mattoon, 2; Mt. Pisgah, 33 cts.; Mt. Zion, 2; Westminster, 50 cts., 5.99

MONMOUTH.—Allentown, 100; Asbury Park, 1st, 35.10; Barnegat, 26.25; Beverly, 149.60, Grace Bd., 25.25, Willing Workers, 32, Lilies of the Field, 10, S.S., 10; Bordentown, 52.80; Burlington, 85.57, V. R. Hodge Bd., 17.86, Busy Bees, Sr., 29.76, Busy Bees, Jr., 25.03; Columbus, 12.66; Cranbury, 1st, 74, Girls' Soc., 54.05, Little Workers, 26.15; 2d, 102 87, Fruit Gleaners, 53.50, Willing Helpers, 52, S.S., 25, Adult B.C., 7.13, Inf. Sch., 5; Cream Ridge, 7, Delanco, 5; Freehold, 300, Inf. Sch., 20.07, King's Helpers, 70; Hightstown, 50, Amaranth Bd., 35; Jacksonville, 5.10; Jamesburg, 65, S.S., 60; Lakewood, 70.58, Girls' Bd., 50; Long Branch, 90; Manalapan, 15; Manasquan, 13.27; Matawan, 104.48, Glenwood Bd., 45, Willing Workers, 30, S.C.E., 5; Mt. Holly, 63.71, Holly Branch, 35; Oceanic, Bd., 100; Red Bank, Y.P. Ass'n, 20; Plumstead, Coral Builders, 31.10; Shrewsbury, 74, S.C.E., 10, Eatontown Bd., 7; Tennent, 64, Immortelle Bd., 30; Tuckerton, 25, 2,511.51

NEWARK.—Bloomfield, Westminster, 112.50, Bd., 15; Caldwell, 99.25; Montclair, 1st, 100, Y.L.B., 15, S.C.E., 15; Trinity, 150, a lady, 50; Newark, 2d, 107; 3d, 20 97, Crusaders, 30; 6th, S.S., 30; Bethany, 15, Bessie and Elsie Pierson, 15; Calvary, Phebe Bd., 15; Few Smith Mem'l, 10, Forget-me-not Bd., 10; Fifth Ave., 44.50; High St., 67.94, Fanny Meeker Bd., 15; Park, 165, Roseville, 150.50. Heralds to Korea, 65; S. Park, 234.35; Wickliffe, 36, S.S., 50, 1,828.01

NEW BRUNSWICK.—Alexandria, Little York Aux., 9, Seed Sowers, 5, S.C.E., 2; Amwell, 1st, 45; United 1st, 21.40; 2d, 32.10; Bound Brook, 19.13, Bd., 6; Copper Hill, Ella Kuhl Bd., 36; Dayton, 16.40; Ewing, 50, S.S., 30; Flemington, 41.39, Gleaners, 65, Hill Mem'l, 40, S.C.E., 10; Frenchtown, 72.25; Hamilton Sq., 14.83; Holland, 11; Hopewell, Gleaners, 30; Kingston, 25, Cheerful Workers, 10, Kingwood, 14.56; Lambertville, 143.24, Ogilvie Bd., 70, S. S., 52; Lawrenceville, 105, Gosman Bd., 40; Milford, 30; New Brunswick, 1st, 25, Y.L.S., 95.60; 2d, 25; Pennington, 23.94, Anna Foster Bd., 29, S.C.E., 16; Princeton, 1st, 200, Havergal Bd., 15, Y.L.S., 58; 1st and 2d, Boys' Bd., 35; Ringoes, 10; Stockton, 21.45, King's Children, 1.55; Titusville, 30, S.C.E., 10.70; Trenton, 1st, 50, Golden Hour Circle, 40; 2d, 35.35, Willing Workers, 36.25; 3d, 133.30, Beatty Bd., 50, S.S., 40, Inf. Sch., 30; 4th, 145.50, Y.L.B., 10, Inf. Sch., 25; 5th, 26, Y.L.B., 16.54; Bethany, 27.50, S.C.E., 7.75; Prospect St., 253.96, Girls' Sr., 17, Girls' Jr., 30, 2,616.68

NEW CASTLE.—Buckingham, 2.70; Chesapeake City, 20, What-we-can Bd., 8; Dover, 20.53, S.S., 16.82; Elkton (self-denial, 3), 83.09, Jewels, 9; Forest, 10, Penny Gleaners, 12; Glasgow, 15; Head of Christiana, 7; Lewes, 9, Light House Bd., 10; Makennie Mem'l, 5; Manoken, 16.50; Milford, 25; Newark, 1st, 15, S.S., 30, Amaranthine Bd.. 10; Pitt's Creek, 20; Port Deposit, 25; Port Penn, 3, Willing Workers, 12.50; Rehoboth, Del., 23.50; Rehoboth, Md., 11; Rock, 7.25, S.C.E., self-denial, 3; St. George's, 20; Smyrna. 16.50; W. Nottingham, 46.75; White Clay Creek, 14.63.

Wicomico, 10, S.C.E., self-denial, 2.37; Wilmington, Central, Y.P.S., 75, Mural Crown Bd., 40; 1st, Y.P.B., 10, Willing Workers, 28.95; Hanover St., 67.58, Light Bearers, 5; Olivet, 10; Rodney St., 25.42; West, 107, Y.P.B., 14, Happy Workers, 28, Keigwin Bd., 7; Zion, 16.82, Happy Harvesters, 5, S.S., 10.43, 900.34

Newton.—Andover, 4, Workers, 3.50; Asbury, 8; Belvidere, 1st (self-denial, 19.50), 65.27, Willing Workers, 20, Sowers of Seed, 6.41, Gleaners, 15, Young Men's Bd., 3, S. S., 25, a friend, 100; 2d, Miss S. Paul, 25, Paul Bd., 10, Paul Bd.. Jr., 2.32; Blairstown, 109, Blair Hall Bd., 25, Kuhl Bd., 27; Bloomsbury, 30; Branchville, 4; Danville, 15.50; Deckertown, 1st, 35, S.S., 17.35; Delaware, 7, S.C.E., 30; Hackettstown, 10.82, Gleaners, '65.75; Harmony, 16.07, Earning Givers, 10.61; Knowlton, 8; Marksboro', 13; Musconetcong Valley, 5; Newton, 224, Cheerful Workers, 4, Livingstone Bd., 5, Inf. Sch., 14; Oxford, 2d, 31.84, Little Lights, 11.10; Phillipsburg, 1st, 50; Westminster, 20.37; Stewartsville, 32.50, Armor Bearers, 20, New Village Bd., 9.04; Stillwater, 8.35; Washington, 50; Yellow Frame, Willing Workers, 10, 1,206.80

Parkersburg.—Clarksburg, 8.50, Bd., 2.50; French Creek, 2.50; Grafton, 12.85, Willing Workers, 4.85, Hervey Bd., 12.30, S.S., 8.06; Keyser, 1.80; Morgantown, 30, Anna Hunter Bd., 11.09, Buchanan Bd., 12.37, Miss J. Pickens, 5; Parkersburg, 30, Buds of Promise, 23; Ravenswood, 13.20, Wayside Workers, 9.36, S.C.E., 10; Sisterville, 29.36, S.C. E., 5; Spencer, 5, Willing Workers, 2.28; Sugar Grove, 13.50 252.51

Philadelphia.—Alexander, 154.02, Bethany Bd., 88; Arch St., Joy Bells, 47, King's, 45, Mizpah Bd., 25; Beacon, 12.20, Lucy Robbins Bd., 2, H. M. Stanley Bd., 2.05; Bethany, 100, Inf. Sch., 40; Bethesda, 100, Anna M. Eva Bd., 83, Bethesda Bd., 20, S.S., 27; Bethlehem, 35, a lady, th. off., 10; Calvary, 1,031.50, Humphrey Bd., 50, Day Dawn, 25, Otto, 25, Pence and Prayer, 13.33; Chambers, 200; Clinton St., Immanuel, self-denial, 5, S.S., 7.64; Cohocksink, 173, Crusaders, 25, Messengers of Light, 20, Workers, 40; Eastburn, Mariner's, Round the World Bd., 15; 1st, 282.50, S.S., 30, Aux. and Bds., th. off., 59.56, Albert Barnes Bd., 113.75, George D. Baker, Bd., 44.73; 1st Ch., N. Lib., St. Paul Bd., 25; Kensington, 1st, 130; 4th Ch., 25; Harper Mem'l, 48.84; Holland (self-denial, 3.60), 32.60, King's Messengers, 20; McDowell Mem'l, 44.70, Carrier Doves, 11.37; Memorial, 67, S. A. Mutchmore Bd., 30, Y.P.B., 4.30; 9th Ch., 21, Y.P.B., 58.14, S.C.E., 21.30; North, B. L. Agnew Bd., 18.31, Light Bearers, 10; N. Broad St., Harper Bd., 74.50; Northminster, 156.50, Y.L.B., 65; Old Pine St., 378, Workers for Jesus, 50, Helping Hands, 25, May Blossoms, 15; Olivet, 75, Graham Bd., 9, Jesus' Little Lambs, 20; Oxford (self-denial, 5), 282, Y.L.S., 100, Guthrie Bd., 50, S.C.E., 30, S.S., 50, Robbins Bd., 60; Princeton, Fullerton Bd., 30; 2d, Ch. (self-denial, 6), 390, Beadle Bd., 100, S.S., 50, Star of the East Bd., 50, Early Blossoms, 25.28; South, 75, Earnest Workers, 30, Y.P.S., 29.65, Cheerful Givers, 30; Susquehanna Ave., 21.32; Tabernacle, 166.13, Little Maids, 40, Y.L.B., 51, Boys' Bd., 25; Tabor, 90.85, Little Helpers, 23.29, Messengers of Light, 20.25; 10th, 170, Little Light Bearers, 2.50, S.C.E., 25; Tioga, 54, Vanneman Bd., 15, S.S., 8; Trinity, 75; Union, 68; Walnut St., 459, Girls' Bd., 30, Y.L.B., 16, Geo. Y. Taylor Bd., 8; West Arch St., 303.43, Carrier Doves, 28.27, Little Light Bearers, 75 cts.; West Hope, self-denial, 8.75, King's Messengers, Sr., 3.85, Jr., 3.31, Berean Bd., Jr., 4; Westminster, 120; West Spruce St., 77.55, Perseverance Bd., 36, Glad Tidings Bd., 25, S.S., 100, S.C.E., 20, a lady, 100; Wharton St., 50; Woodland, add'l, 5, Y.L.B., 52, Bd., 10.77; Wylie Mem'l., 80, a lady, 50, Little Women, 17.25; int. on deposits, 6.71, 8,235.80

Philadelphia, North.— Abington, 66, S.S., 10; Ashbourne, 20, Workers for Jesus, 19.57; Bristol, Basti Bd., 51.36; Chestnut Hill, 1st, 133.10, Little Gleaners, 13, S.S., 50; Trinity, 100; Doylestown, 30, Andrews Bd., 8.50; Frankford, 1st, 57.75, Y.L.B., 18; Forestville, 6.25; Germantown, 1st, 145.89, Eliot Bd., Sr., 18.22, Eliot Bd., Jr.,'4.58, Travelers' Club, 4.33, S.S., 40, Miriam Bd., 35, S.C.E., 51.98, Somerville, S.S., 5, in mem. E.P.L. 100; 2d ,125, Tulpehocken Bd., 85, Non Nobis, Jr., 8.06; Market Sq., 36.85; Ch. of the Redeemer, 25, Whatsoever Bd., 3; Wakefield, 28.50, Y.L.B. 30; Hermon, 5, Boys' Bd., 15, Cheerful Workers, 25; Holmesburg, 15, Memorial Bd., 23; Jenkintown, 30, Grace Bd., 15, Barnabas Bd., 7.68; Langhorne, King's Sons, 5.50; Leverington, S.S., 15; Manayunk, S.C.E. 8; Mt. Airy, 15; Newtown, 73, Kate Craven Bd., 25, Little Messengers, 10, S.S., 26.06; Norristown, 1st, 135, Willing Workers, 20, Little Lights, 15; Central, 27.60, S.C.E., 3.74; Overbrook, Y.L.B., 62.50; Pottstown, Hill Sch. Bd., 40; Roxborough, 23; Wyncote, Calvary, 16. 2,021.02.

[The balance of receipts for April will appear in the July number of *Woman's Work*.]

Total for April, 1893,	$71,156.54
Total for year,	150,650.75

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Receipts of the Women's Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church for March, 1893.

New York.—New York, Adams Memorial, Children's Birthday Ass'n, 20; Brick, 275, self-denial, 68.75; Calvary, Pastor's Aid Soc., 5; Central, 90, Y.L.S., 1.50; Ch. of the Covenant, Ladies' Church Work Ass'n, 450, Mrs. J. R. Skidmore, 300; Ch. of the Puritans, Puritan Guild, 50; Fifth Ave., 700, Y.L. Branch, 972; 1st, 16.53; Fourteenth St., self-denial, 5; Fourth Ave., 60, Miss. Bd., 13.80; Harlem, 100; Madison Sq., 1,286.36, Y.L. Cir., 200, Christian Workers, 20; Madison Ave., 209; Olivet Chapel, Miss. Ass'n, 40, self-denial, 25, S.S., 2; Park, 84, Seekers for Pearls, 59, Light Bearers, 3.50, Jr. Light Bearers, 3.50, S. S., 18.41; Phillips, 300, Y.L.S., 25; Scotch, 250; University Place, 100, Light Bearers Bd., self-denial, 50.61, Bethlehem Chapel S.S., 50; Washington Heights, 65; Westminster, (2 Life Members) 50; Beebe Children's Mite Box, 7; Mrs. Clarence Beebe, in mem. Elliott Morris Beebe, 25; Friends, 43.56, 6,044.61

Niagara.—Albion, 66; Holley, 22.75; Knowlesville, 5; Lewiston, 1; Lockport, Calvary, 10, Willing Workers, 3.50; First, 50, Y.L.S., 1, King's Guards, 17.63; Second, Cheerful Givers, 10.31; Lyndonville, 25; Medina, 17, Golden Links, 5; Middleport, 2; Niagara Falls, 6.30, Norton Bd., 15; North Tonawanda, 10; Somerset, 10; Wilson, 11.87, 289.36

North River.—Amenia, King's Servants, 16.12; Amenia South, 17; Cold Spring, 8; Cornwall, 37; Cornwall-on-Hudson, 4.50; Marlborough, 10; Newburgh, Calvary, Earnest Workers, 25; Union, 88, Miss. Cir., 20; New Hamburgh, 25.11, Fanny Wight Bd., 24.91, Ellersdie Volunteers, 10; Pleasant Plains, 10; Poughkeepsie, 82; Rondout, 102.50, Hearts and Hands for Jesus, 3; Smithfield, Happy Pilgrims, 5, 488.14

Otsego.—Buel, 5; Cherry Valley, 10; Cooperstown, 25; Delhi, 1st, 102.78, King's Builders, 21; Second, 37.06; Hobart, 16.25; Margaretville, 6; Oneonta, 8.75; Richfield Springs, 33; Stamford, 21.29; Worcester, 2, 288.13

Rochester.—Avon, Central, 8; First, 10; Brighton, 38.73, Gould Bd., 22.30; Brockport, 62.56; Caledonia, 32.05, in mem. Mrs. Nichols, 3.75, Y.P.S., 25, Cheerful Workers, 25; Dansville, 50, in mem. Mrs. Nichols, 8; Fowlerville, 10, in mem. Mrs. Nichols, 6, Willing Workers, 3; Gates, 5, Y.P.S. C.E., 15; Geneseo Village, 60.35, Y.L.S., 69, Systematic Givers, 2.50; Lakeville, in mem. Mrs. Nichols, 10; Lima, 15, in mem. Mrs. Nichols, 10; Livonia, 11; Mendon, 10, in mem. Mrs. Nichols, 6; Moscow, 16; Mt. Morris, Christian Workers, 26.59, Cyprus Bd., 28, Primary S.S., 3.41; Nunda, 19; Ogden, 61; Pittsford, 7; Rochester, Brick, 302.12, in mem. Mrs. Nichols, 25, in mem. Mr. Alfred Wright, 100, Y.P.S.C.E., 22.88; Calvary, 18, Y.L.S., 25, Children of the King, 12.50; Central, Jenny Lush Soc. (Life Member), 50, "Do what you can" Bd., 25; Emmanuel, 18.50; First, 25, in mem. Mrs. Nichols, 40, Girls' Miss. Bd., 40; Memorial, 30, King's Messengers, 100, Primary S.S., 3; North, 75; St. Peter's, in mem. Mrs. Nichols, 25, Life Member, 25, Master Frederick Whittlesey McKown, 10, Emily Chumasero Bd., 10; Third, 20, in mem. Mrs. Nichols, 38, Y.L.S., 47.40, Link Boys' Bd., 15, S.S., 57; Westminster, 20, Y.L.S., 8, S.T.I. Soc., 25, Primary S.S., 7.50; Scottsville, Primary S.S., 3; Sparta, 1st, 33, in mem. Mrs. Nichols, 4; Victor, 43.90; Webster, 18; Pres'l Soc. Coll., 19, 2,029 04

St. Lawrence.—Adams, 11.16; Brownville, Pierson Bd., 5; Canton, 25; Cape Vincent, 3.55; Carthage, 18.84; De Kalb, 5; Dexter, 10; Gouverneur, 61, Cheerful Givers, 25; Morristown, 31, Silver Spray Bd., 16.64; Ogdensburg, Oswegatchie, 1st, 189, Y.L.S., 12; Potsdam, 10; Sacketts Harbor, 5; Theresa, 15; Waddington, 20; Watertown, 1st, 61, S.S., 21.36; Stone St., 14.50, 560.05

Steuben.—Addison, 25, Y.L.S., 40, Faithful Workers, 10; Almond, 6.85; Andover, 10.41; Arkport, 27; Bath, 28.50; Campbell, 25, Little Gleaners, 2; Canisteo, 114.25; Corning, 31.69, Y.L.S., 28, Busy Bees, 28.66; Cuba, 25; Hammondsport, 25, King's Daughters, 14; Hornellsville, 15.25; Howard, 11; Painted Post, 15.30, Opportunity Cir., 4; Prattsburgh, 11.06; Pulteney, 7, 504.97

Syracuse.—Amboy, 30, Y.P.S., 12, Earnest Workers, 4.09; Baldwinsville, 40, Y.L.S., 10; Camillus, 6; Canastota, 17.70; Chittenango, 17; East Syracuse, 19; Fayetteville, 30.25, Home Bd., 6; Fulton, 50; Hannibal, 12; Jordan, 6, Helping Hand Bd., 5.50; Liverpool, 16; Marcellus, 12.40, Boys' Bd., 3, Thorburn Bd., 26; Onondaga Valley, 5; Oswego, 1st, 20; Grace, 50, S.S. Primary Cl., 10; Pompey, 20; Skaneateles, 37, Y.L. Cir., 6.32, "Do what we can" Bd., 4.25; Syracuse, East Ave., Willing Workers, 8; First, 91.41, Boys' Bd., 40, Fobes Bd., 50, Hudson Bd., 50, King's Children, 7.50, Ramona Bd., 4.35, S.S. Soc., 34.34; First Ward, 58, Senr. King's Children, 6, Jr. King's Children, 18; Fourth, 241.45, Y.P.S., 22, Standard Bearers, 25, S.S. Soc., 35; Memorial, 7.25; Park, 285.61; Westminster, 10, Golden Rule Bd., 3.82; Whitelaw, 2.50, 1,475.74

Transylvania, Ky.—Columbia, 5; Danville, 2d, Little Gleaners, 25; East Bernstadt, 2; Harrodsburg, 3; Leb-

anon, 3; Livingston, 3, 41.00

UTICA.—Augusta, a few ladies, 4, S.S. Primary Dept., 2.50; Boonville, S.S. Miss. Soc., 10; Clinton, 1.25, Y.L.S., 25; Holland Patent, Sunshine Bd., 11, S.S., 17; Knoxboro, 23.39; Lyons Falls, 4.52; Martinsburg, 9.50; Oriskany, 3; Rome, 66.50; Sauquoit, 25; Turin, 15, a friend, 2.50, children's mite boxes, 3; Utica, Bethany, Miss Gilbert, 25, one member of Soc., 25; First, 90, Y.W.S., 25, Do good Bd., 10; Memorial, 10; Westminster, 135, Brown Bd., 35, Fisher Bd., 50, S.S., 25; Vernon, 1; Vernon Centre, Y.L.S., 10; Westernville, 5, 669.16

WESTCHESTER.—Bedford, 10, Owen Bd., 5; Brewster, 12.57; Bridgeport, Conn., 8, Hope Miss. Bd., 30.50; Carmel, 12.50, Y.P.S., 3; Dobbs Ferry, 7.56; Hartford, Conn., United Aid Soc., 13.17; Katonah, Missionary Chips, 12.50; Mt. Kisco, 5; Mt. Vernon, 35.09, "Try to Help" Bd., 22; New Haven, 2.77, self-denial, 5; New Rochelle, 1st, 44.32; Second, 10; Patterson, 10; Peekskill, 1st, 100; 1st and 2d, 40.61; Rye, 265.91, Y.L.S., 150; South East, 5; South Salem, Ladies' Benev. Assn., 20; Stamford, Conn., 200, Y.P.S.C.E., 40.20, Jr. S.C.E., 5; White Plains, 40; Yonkers, 1st, 135; Westminster, 25, Constant Workers, 2.22; Yorktown, Y.L.S., 19, 1,296.92

HAMADAN, PERSIA.—Hamadan, W.M. Soc., 5.40; Faith Hubbard School, Miss. Bd., 10.90; Boys' C.E. Soc., 4.10; Sheverine, S.S. Primary Cl., 1.90, 22.30

MISCELLANEOUS.—A family Miss. Bd., 3; Cash, 60.88; Choconut Centre, N. Y., Mrs. H. B. Williams, 2; Contribution Box at 53 Fifth Ave., 5.19; Florence, Italy, á friend, 25; Friends, 45, self-denial, 12.50; Interest on Medical Educational Fund, 56.84; "J. R. M.," 1; Madison Run, Va., Miss J. R. Foley, 5; Miss Mary Higgins, 2; Miss Alice F. Hotchkiss, 15; N.Y.C., Mrs. M. T. Stone, 30; "P. G. R.," self-denial, 5.25; Plainfield, N. J., 1st, S.S., 25; St. Augustine, Fla., W.F.M.S., 31; Santa Fé, N. Mex., 11.50; Shushan, N. Y., Mrs. M. V. McLean, 5; "W.," 5, 346.16

LEGACY.—Westchester Presbytery, Sing Sing, Mrs. Elizabeth K. Howe, 100.00

Total,	$24,363.13
Total since April 1, 1892,	64,150.88

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Receipts of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Southwest for the month ending April 15, 1893.

AUSTIN.—Austin, 1st, 30; Georgetown, 3.50; San Antonia, Madison Sq., 28.15; Mrs. Vernon, 5, 66.65

CHICKASAW.—Anadarko, 2.50; Edmond, 33; Purcell, 3, 38.50

EMPORIA.—Akron, 1.30; Arkansas, 1.50, C.E., 4 66; Burlingame, 6; Burlington, 5; Caldwell, 10.90, Earnest Workers, 15; Council Grove, 12.62, C.E., 10, Jun. C.E., 5; Derby, 8.61, Morning Stars, 8.86; El Dorado, 17.52, Y.P.S., 11; Emporia, 43, Howard S.S. and C.E., 5; Lyndon, 3.97; Marion, 22.50; N w Salem, 7; Newton, 25.0:, Willing Workers, 1.50, S.S., 14.22; Osage City, 12.10, C.E., 15; Peabody, 39.60; Quenemo, 14; Waverly, 19.50; Wellington, 33.05, C.E., 15; White City, 6.35; Wichita, 1st., 4.75, Willing Workers, 2.35, Y.W.M.L., 27.14, C.E., 10; West Side, 10; Lincol: St., 1.35, C.E., 1.65; Winfield, 23, 475.94

HIGHLAND.—Axtell, 19; Baileyville, 17.05; Blue Rapids, 11.41; Hiawatha, 27.39; Highland, 33.27, Willing Workers, 15; Holton, 50, C.E., 18.36; Horton, 10.03; Irving, 2; Nortonville, 2.50; Troy, C.E., 5.50; Vermillion, 4.68; Washington, 39.15, 255.34

KANSAS CITY.—Appleton City, 7.30; Brownington, 5.55; Butler, 74.33, Active Workers, 7.50, C.E., 4.18; Clinton, 23.50, Y.L.B., 5.52, Willing Workers, 5.56; Creighton, O.B.M.S., 3.77, Willing Workers, 2.65, C.E., 50 cts.; Greenwood, 2.40; Holden, 5; Independence, 71; Jefferson City, 10.81; Kansas City, 1st, 162.93, Rays of Light, 25, S.S., 63, C.E., 15; 2d, 322.58, Y.L.S., 10.68, King's Messengers, 20.10, Little Lamps, 24.13; 3d, 8.35; 4th, 2.70; 5th, 41.71, Y.L.S., 22.94, Jun. C.E., 3.54; Knobnoster, 3.50, Willing Hands, 12.50; Montrose, 2; Nevada, S.S., 6.51, C.E., 3.10; Osceola, Boys' S.S. class, 4.30; Raymore, 11.45, Y.P.C., 3.75, Busy Harvesters, 9.25, S.S., 2.35; Sedalia, Broadway, 21, S.S., 113.79; Central, 23.30, King's Messengers, 9; Sharon, 6.40, S.S., 2.01, C.E., 1.74; Tipton, 5; Warrensburg, 5.20; Mrs. Jackson, 1; Miscellaneous, 12.50; Presbyterial, 12.50, 1,224.38

LARNED.—Anthony, 5, C.E., 15; Arlington, 7.10, Y.L.B., 5.30; Burrton, 5.85, Earnest Workers, 1.80; Halstead, 2.80; Hutchinson, 17, S.S., 13.49, Pearl Gatherers, 13; Lyons, 15; McPherson, 17.40, Pansies, 11.07, C.E., 10; Pratt, 5.50, Bd., 5, C.E., 2.25; Sterling, 7.25, Daisy Bd., 3.50; Miscellaneous, 35 cts., 163.75

NEOSHO.—Carlyle, 9, Sunflowers, 12,33; Chetopa, 5.25; Coffeyville, 6.35, Bd., 14.85; Columbus, 7.25; Colony, 6, Bd., 3; Fort Scott, 1st, 23; 2d, 3; Garnett, 3.75; Girard, 8.58, Bd., 15; Humboldt, 15.65; Independence, 10; Iola, 10.37, Do What You Can, 10; Lone Elm, 3; Louisburg, 15; Moran, 4.35, King's Bd., 2.84; Neosho Falls, 6.83, S.S., 5.29; Ottawa, 26.05, C. E., 15; Oswego, 19.70, College, 7.33; Parsons, 20; Pittsburg, 17.50, C.E., 5; Princeton, Cheerful Workers, 4.30; Thayer, Bd., 2.30; Toronto, 6; Yates Center, 15; Miscellaneous: Mrs. W. S. Wilson, 5; Mrs. M. I. Venable, 5, 357.77

NORTH TEXAS.—Denison, C. E., 10.50; Mrs. L. M. Parmelee, 5, 15.50

OSBORNE.—Bow Creek Primary S.S., 1.50; Colby, 2.77; Hays City, 5.75, Bethlehem Stars, 4, S.S., 2.50; Hill City, 4, Bd., 3; Oberlin, 16.75, Little Lights, 4; Osborne, 1.25; Russell, 4.95; Smith Centre, 2.75, Bd., 5.61; Wa-Keeney, 90 cts., Pearl Gatherers, 1.05, in memory of a son, 86 cts., 61.64

OZARK.—Ash Grove S.S., 5.85; Carthage, 1st, 2.80, Alden Bd., 14.31, Deo Data, 33.01; Westminster, 49.65; Eureka Springs, 1.50; Grace, 2.50; Greenfield, 6.05; Irwin, 6.10; Joplin, 12, Jun. C.E., 4.26; Neosho, 5, C.E., 2, Bd., 2.50; Ozark Prairie, 7; Springfield, Calvary, 70.50, Y.L.S., 22.50; 2d, 7.50; Webb City, 10; White Oak, 4.50, 269.53

PALMYRA.—Canton, 7.63; Center, Willing Workers, 50 cts.; Clarence, Helping Hands, 4; Hannibal, 1st, 50, Day Spring Bd., 12.50, C.E., 6.25; La Grange, 1.45; Louisiana, 8.25, Bd., 50 cts., C.E., 1; Macon, 2.12; Milan, 5; New Cambria, 3; Salisbury, 3.30; Unionville, 3.75, S.S., 6, 115.25

PLATTE.—Albany, Busy Bees, 12; Avalon, 5; Breckinridge, 8.70, Morning Stars, 6; Cameron, 11.40; Carrollton, 5, Willing Workers, 3.50; Chillicothe, 6.75; Fairfax, Morning Stars, 2.50; Graham, Weaver Bd., 16; Hamilton, 10.66; Hopkins, 6.15; Kings City, 3; Lathrop, 10.07; Maryville, 1st, 21.30, Little Gleaners, 10; 2d, 16.40, King's Helpers, 13.80; Oregon, 17, S.S., 3.50; Parkville, 37.95, Busy Bees, 2.51; St. Joseph, Westminster, 36.05, S.S., 4.25; 3d, 11.30; Tarkio, 21, C.E., 8; Weston, 15, S.S., 1.15, Jun. Bd., 4.10, 330.54

SOLOMON.—Abilene, 16; Belleville, 13, S.S., 4; Beloit, 16; Clyde, 11.95; Ellsworth, 10.50; Lincoln, 19; Mankato, 4; Minneapolis, 19.33, C.E., 12.80, Jun. C.E., 8, Crystal Drops, 18.41; Salina, 58.26; Scotch Plains, 66 cts.; Solomon City, 2, 213.91

ST. LOUIS.—Bethel, 8; Emanuel, 25; Kimmswick, 10; Poplar Bluff, 14.04; Kirkwood, 22.50, Y.L., 25; Rock Hill, 33.50, Willing Hands, 10; St. Charles, Lindenwood Coll., 21.50; Jefferson St., 56.64; St. Louis, Carondelet, 10.16, Willing Workers, 25, Helping Hands, 7; Covenant, C.E., 5; 1st, 225.92, S.S., 41.85, Coral Workers and Jun. C.E., 100; 1st German, 19; Glasgow, 13.15; Forest Park University, 14.84; Lafayette Park, 350, Y.L., 55, Jun. C.E., 25; McCausland Ave., C.E., 25; Memorial Tabernacle, 15, C.E., 15; Mount Olive S.S., 10; North, 35; 2d, Primary S.S., 4, S.S., 50, Boys' League, 8, Wall Builders, 100; Washington and Compton, 335.81; (121.81 for. Debt.), S.S., 50; West, 76.20, M.S., 52.11, King's Children, 75, Jun. C.E., 7.50, S.S., 17.19; Webster Groves, 73.15; Zoar, 45; Miscellaneous, 111.36, 2,223.42

TOPEKA.—Clay Center, 5.80, Willing Workers, 2.50; Clinton, 7.50; Kansas City, Central, 5; 1st, 36.90, C.E., 2.31; Grandview Park, 3, C.E., 5; Western, Highlands, 12.05, C.E., 1.65; Manhattan, C.E., 10; Oskaloosa, 10; Rossville, 8; Topeka, 1st, 46.60; Westminster, Faithful Circle, 5; Wamego, 12; Miscellaneous, Kansas City, C.E., 15.25, 188.56

TRINITY.—Brownwood, 4.50, Willing Workers, 16, 20.50

MISCELLANEOUS.—Grand Haven, 15; friend, 50 cts., 15.50

Total for month,	$6,035.68
Previously acknowledged,	5,917.14
	$11,952.82
Transferred fron Discretionary fund,	195.50
Total for year,	$12,148.32

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Solomon Presbyterial, $10, in March report, should be Solomon City, $10.

Receipts of the Woman's Occidental Board of Foreign Missions to April 22, 1893.

OAKLAND.—Oakland, First, S.S., 50.00

SACRAMENTO.—Chico, 5.25; Red Bluff, 2; Redding, 2.50; Sacramento, 14th St., 7, Westminster, 2.40, Y.P.S.C.E., 20.72, 39.87

MISCELLANEOUS.—Woman's H. and F.M.S., Flagstaff, A., 10; Mrs. J. P. Ammidon, Baltimore, Md., 25; North Ch., S.S., Alleghany, Pa., 50, 85.00

Total for the month,	$174.87

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